

Community Issues Report

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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments



Consumer, Health & Safety

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays (airs weekly)	6:30am	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER

Description: A half-hour weekly television show that features information on how to maintain and improve your home, both inside and out. The approach to home improvement helps everyone from the experienced do-it-yourselfer to the first time homeowner. Projects are taken from start to finish in each weekly episode. (30:00)

October 1, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 1, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Officials with the Colonial Pipeline, the main source of gasoline for the South, said fuel is flowing through the system at pre-lke levels again; however, they said it will take time for it to reach shortage-stricken areas. Pipeline officials said it takes days for the gas to cover the entire distance of the pipeline and then even more time for trucks to deliver the fuel to stations. The American Automobile Association said it expects the supply to return to normal in two weeks. The QuikTrip chain of gas stations said it expects all its stations to have gas by Wednesday. Several Gas Stations In Upstate Still Short On Fuel: Several gas stations across the upstate were still out of gasoline on Tuesday, leaving some drivers frustrated. Lines formed quickly at some of the few stations that had gas. One driver said she had waited in line for more than an hour at a gas station on Laurens Road. AAA of the Carolinas urged drivers to wait until they are close to empty before topping off their tank. They said drivers who fill up with half-tank or more could go at least another day before they need to fill up. NC Governor Calls For Reasonable Conservation Of Gas: Gov. Mike Easley said gasoline distributors in Charlotte can get more fuel for stations they serve if they haul their trucks to the coast. Easley said Monday gas at port terminals in Wilmington and two other states should help reduce supply problems in North Carolina. The governor said his office is trying to connect needy distributors to the oil companies with port supplies. Gasoline has been slow in coming out of the pipeline terminal in Charlotte. Easley said some oil companies have not released their full supply because they are worried they will run out before the next shipment. Easley said the supply problems ultimately will work itself out but urged consumers to "reasonably conserve" gasoline until then.

October 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 2, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Natural gas customers in South Carolina's upstate are getting a break. Piedmont Natural Gas Company's rates dropped 15 percent Wednesday for its 140,000 customers. Piedmont spokesman David Trusty in Charlotte, N.C., said demand for natural gas has slowed with the economy. Trusty also said power plants have burned less natural gas to generate electricity because the summer was cool in some parts of the country. The Greenville News reported that monthly bills will not necessarily drop by 15 percent, because customers are heading into the home heating season. Also, the retail price includes Piedmont's cost of business and an 11 percent return on equity that regulators allow the company to earn. Dukes Scott with the state Office of Regulatory Staff said the rate reduction is significant.

October 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 2, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: North Carolinians may see additional relief at the pump starting next week, Gov. Mike Easley said Thursday. Easley said a pipeline that provides the state with its main fuel supply has started working at full capacity again. Easley said the pipeline, which has been running at full capacity in the Gulf since Tuesday, is expected to bring the additional fuel to the state next week. Easley also said he will continue to bring in 50 to 100 tankers a day to Charlotte and western North Carolina, but he

did not indicate how long that would take place. A gasoline shortage has been affecting several parts of the state since Hurricane Ike hit the Texas Gulf Coast.

October 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 2, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: At least two breakfast cereals targeted to children sometimes get half of their weight from sugar, according to Consumer Reports. The group tested 27 cereals and found that Post Golden Crisp and Kellogg's Honey Smacks were more than 50 percent sugar. Nine others were 40 percent sugar. The article in the November issue of Consumer Reports, as described in a news release from the publisher, also says that several cereals sold in the U.S. have more sugar and sodium than the same brands sold overseas. Tests rated only four cereals in the test as having "very good" [nutrition](#). The others were rated good or fair. The four that got the higher ratings were Cheerios, Kix, Honey Nut Cheerios and Life. Plain Cheerios provide [fiber](#) with only one gram of sugar. Consumer Reports suggested that parents looking for a cereal look for those with high fiber and low sugar and sodium. The report also noted that while the results are based on suggested serving sizes, another study found that children often pour 50 to 65 percent larger amounts in their bowls.

October 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 2, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Winter is approaching, and the government is again trying to decide what to do about over-the-counter medicines for kids' coughs and sniffles. Doctors question the drugs' benefits and worry about their risks. Pediatricians are urging the Food and Drug Administration to demand a recall of the medicines for children younger than 6. The FDA has scheduled a public hearing Thursday on the issue. Baltimore's [health](#) commissioner, Dr. Joshua Sharfstein said "parents should know that there is less evidence than ever to support the use of over-the-counter cough and cold medicines for young children." He urged the FDA to ask for a voluntary recall of products marketed to kids under 6. The industry said over-the-counter medicines have been used for decades in treating kids' colds and are safe for those older than 2.

October 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 2, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: [Health](#) officials in several states said White Rabbit Candy from China may be contaminated with a substance blamed for sickening thousands of infants in China. So far, the chemical melamine has been found in candy being sold in California and four Connecticut stores, and Oregon officials said it may be there as well. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said the candy is imported from China and distributed to stores in eight states, including Oregon. The vanilla-flavored candy is available in most U.S. Chinatowns. Melamine has been associated with contaminated infant formula and other Chinese products containing milk protein. The FDA said no illnesses were associated with the candy. Oregon's human services department said the candy has been recalled by its distributor, QFCO Inc. of Burlingame, Calif. "We're concerned, obviously, there may have been bags sold of these before we got to them," said Connecticut Consumer Protection Commissioner Jerry Farrell Jr. said. Anyone who has the candy should destroy it, Farrell said. Melamine is said to be used by some food makers in China to boost protein counts. But it can cause [kidney stones](#). It was the product associated with massive pet food recalls in the U.S. two years ago.

October 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 2, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: When it comes to spotting [breast cancer](#) on a mammogram, a computer is as good as a second pair of eyes. That's the finding of some new research on computer-aided detection. Just like a spell-checker looking for mistakes, the computers flag suspicious areas on X-rays so a radiologist can take a closer look. Mammograms are used to screen women for early signs of breast cancer, but they aren't perfect. In the U.S., the X-rays are read by a single radiologist, and cancers are sometimes missed. Computers were enlisted to help radiologists find more cancers, but the value and accuracy of them have been debated. The new research from Britain involves a study of 31,000 women. The researchers found that the computers spotted nearly the same number of cancers as the second radiologist did. The findings are published by the New England Journal of Medicine.

October 16, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 16, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Gasoline prices in the Asheville area of western North Carolina have been among the state's highest, but this week they dropped to the lowest in the state. After hurricanes disrupted pipeline deliveries from the Gulf coast, prices in some western North Carolina areas soared to around \$5 a gallon. A month ago, Asheville's fuel prices averaged \$4.31 a gallon. On Thursday, however, AAA Carolinas said prices in the Asheville area averaged \$3.07. Some drivers have said they have found gas for under \$3 a gallon in the past few days. AAA said North Carolina averaged \$3.32 a gallon Thursday with the highest average in the Raleigh-Durham area at \$3.42 a gallon.

October 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 30, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The U.S. Department of Transportation has ranked Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport as the second-most-expensive airport in the country. According to a report released Wednesday by the department's Bureau of Transportation Statistics, GSP was ranked just below the Cincinnati, Ohio, airport for most expensive airfares. The report ranked the top 100 airports in the country by average domestic flight fares during the second quarter of 2008. The report also revealed that GSP had the largest fare increase in the country. The department said GSP's fares for domestic flights increased by 21.1 percent from 2007 to 2008. Gary Jackson with the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport said the reason fares are higher is because the airport does not have a low-fare air carrier. He said when the airport had Independence Airlines in 2005, fares were much lower. "This is pretty common for airports our size," Jackson said. "There's nothing new about this study." The report also ranked other airports in the region. Charleston's airport was ranked as 16th, Charlotte's airport was ranked as 20th and Atlanta's airport was ranked as 33rd. The cheapest airport in the country was in Dallas, Texas. To view the entire report, visit the department's Web site at bts.gov.

November 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Times are tough, but they're getting a lot less so at the [gas](#) pump. The latest Lundberg Survey of 5,000 [gas stations](#) around the country shows prices have taken a dramatic tumble over the last two weeks. They've dropped by an average of 48 cents a gallon. The survey puts the price of a gallon of regular self-serve, as of Friday, at \$2.30. Mid-grade is \$2.44 and premium averages \$2.56 a gallon. The cheapest gas was in Tulsa, Okla., at \$1.89 for regular, while the most expensive was in Anchorage, Alaska, at \$3.14. In California, gas was 61 cents a gallon cheaper than it was two weeks ago.

November 13, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 13, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina Education Lottery officials said a new computer system has created problems in identifying winning tickets. The State newspaper reported that a lottery official could not say Tuesday how many tickets have been misread by the new system installed Nov. 5. Some winning scratch-off tickets have been counted as losers and some losing tickets have been counted as winners. Some winning Powerball tickets and some other tickets bought before the new system was installed could not be read. Lottery officials said they changed contractors and installed new computers to allow retailers to sell tickets 24 hours a day. Officials said some tickets made by Scientific Games have been hard to read by the new contractor, Intralot. Lottery officials said most of the problems have been resolved.

November 13, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 13, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The number of U.S. adults who smoke has dropped below 20 percent for the first time on record but cigarettes still kill almost half a million people a year, health officials said Thursday. About 19.8 percent of U.S. adults — 43.4 million people — were smokers in 2007. That was a percentage point below the 2006 figure and followed three years of little progress, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a report. Smoking and secondhand smoke kill 443,000 people annually from cancer, lung disease, heart disease and other causes, the CDC said. Half of all long-term smokers, especially those who start as teens, die prematurely, many in middle age. And smoking

burns a large hole in the economy. Including direct health care expenditures (\$96 billion) and productivity losses (\$97 billion), the economic burden of smoking on the United States hit \$193 billion per year, the CDC said. "Even though we've come a long way, there's a long way to go," said Dr. Matthew McKenna, director of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. Smoking became widespread in the United States when soldiers fighting in Europe in World War I were given cigarettes, which by that time were made by machines rather than by hand. After the war, smoking by women also became more accepted socially. U.S. health officials began systematically tracking smoking rates in the 1960s. When U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued a landmark report on health hazards of smoking in 1964, 42 percent of U.S. adults were smokers. His revelations triggered a long but gradual decline. Thomas Glynn of the American Cancer Society said the rate was now the lowest since just after World War. "We've begun to come full circle on this," Glynn said. Glynn cited three major recent factors in driving down smoking: smoking bans in public places, higher taxes that drive up prices and more medications to help people quit. The CDC said smoking still causes at least 30 percent of cancer deaths, including more than 80 percent of **lung** cancer deaths, as well as 80 percent of deaths from the lung ailment chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The CDC report found that 17 percent of women smoke compared to 22 percent of men. Whites (21 percent) smoked at higher rates than blacks (20 percent) or Hispanics (13 percent). Asian Americans were lowest (10 percent) and American Indians and Alaska natives were highest (36 percent). Among people who never graduated high school, 25 percent smoked in 2007. Among those with undergraduate degrees, 11 percent smoked, while 6 percent of those with graduate degrees smoked. "The tobacco industry is very good at creating confusion and misinformation. And the more education people have, the less likely they are to believe some of the myths and misinformation that the industry promulgates," McKenna said

November 16, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 16, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Ten years after the tobacco settlement, a national report ranks South Carolina as worst in the nation in what it spends to keep people from smoking. A coalition of public health groups released the report of states' tobacco prevention funding Tuesday. The report said South Carolina will collect \$114 million this year from the tobacco settlement and taxes. South Carolina is the only state that budgeted no state money for smoking cessation and prevention. A federal grant will contribute \$1 million. The president for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, Matthew Myers, called South Carolina the most disappointing state in the nation when it comes to protecting kids from tobacco. Myers also called on South Carolina legislators to raise the lowest-in-the-nation cigarette tax -- still at 7 cents a pack.

November 24, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 24, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: AAA Carolinas said fewer people in the Carolinas are planning to travel this Thanksgiving as economic concerns outweigh the benefits of falling gas prices. The travel services company said Friday that it expects about 25,000 fewer motorists and 21,000 fewer air passengers in the Carolinas to travel more than 50 miles from home this year. That will be the first Thanksgiving travel downturn in six years. Gas prices in both states are less than half of what they were just two months ago, when prices hit \$4 a gallon following Hurricane Ike. Fuel prices are down by more than a dollar compared to last Thanksgiving. AAA Carolinas said an estimated 1.8 million people in North Carolina and South Carolina will still travel.

November 26, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 26, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Although gas prices are plummeting, fewer South Carolinians are expected to journey over the river and through the woods this Thanksgiving weekend. AAA Carolinas said the troubled economy will mean the first drop in Thanksgiving holiday travel in six years. The motor club expects 526,000 South Carolinians to travel more than 50 miles by road this weekend, down about 8,000 from last year. About 73,000 South Carolinians are expected to fly, a decline of about 7,000 from a year ago. AAA President David Parsons said the decline might be a bit smaller than otherwise because Thanksgiving is still a holiday people want to spend with family and friends. AAA reported that the average price of regular unleaded fuel in South Carolina is \$1.74 per gallon. In North Carolina, the motor club reported the average price for fuel is \$1.85 per gallon. In Georgia, AAA said the average price for regular unleaded gas is \$1.77 per gallon. Officials at the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport said they have seen a steady pace of passengers filtering through the airport.

November 26, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 26, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Gun enthusiasts can buy their guns tax-free in South Carolina on Friday and Saturday. The gun-friendly state is kicking off the Christmas shopping season with a holiday from state and local sales taxes on handguns, rifles and shotguns. Taxes still apply to gun accessories and ammunition during the holiday. The nonpartisan Tax Foundation research group said South Carolina is the first state to offer shoppers a tax break specifically on guns, and the only one to offer a tax holiday over the Thanksgiving weekend. Legislators this year approved the so-called Second Amendment Weekend over the objection of Gov. Mark Sanford. The tax break was tacked on to a bill giving a month long sales tax holiday on energy efficient products, which starts next October.

December 3, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 3, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: When you get caught up in the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping, experts said it's a good idea to keep in mind that the [identity theft](#) Grinch could be out to get yours. Nobody knows for sure just how many people have their personal information stolen each year, but government statistics suggests it's somewhere around 8 million. Gail Cunningham of the National Foundation for [Credit](#) Counseling said it's a particular problem around the holidays when thieves and crooks "come out from under their rocks." It could be an online come-on asking you to "verify" some credit information. Or it could be that shopper pressed up behind you at a mall ATM, sneaking a peak at your PIN number. Steven Domeniko of the protection service, IdentityTruth, said illegal ATM transactions are a large and growing problem. He suggests using only bank ATMS because they're equipped with security cams. He said thieves who access bank accounts can drain them before you know you've been had. According to a 2006 survey by the Federal Trade Commission, over 8.3 million people experience some sort of identity theft each year and spent hours, if not money, fixing the problem.

December , 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: FOX Carolina will conduct a test of its digital television signal on Wednesday night. The test is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and will end at 7:35 p.m. FOX Carolina will shut down its analog signal during the test to show viewers whether they are ready for the digital television switch on Feb. 17, 2009. During the test, viewers who are prepared for the switch, which is 88 percent of viewers, will see normal programming, which will be an episode of Seinfeld. Viewers who watch FOX Carolina via cable and satellite are prepared. Viewers who are not prepared for the DTV switch will see a message telling them just that. The message will also provide viewers with a telephone number to a helpline that will answer questions they may have about the digital television revolution. For more answers to some frequently asked DTV questions, visit our special section at <http://www.foxcarolina.com/digital-tv>.

Attachments



Crime

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays	8:00pm	COPS
Saturdays (airs weekly)	8:30pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:00pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:30pm	COPS

DESCRIPTION: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (30:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	9:00pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED
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DESCRIPTION: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	2:30am	MISSING
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DESCRIPTION: Missing is a weekly half-hour reality series featuring actual cases of missing individuals, both adult and juvenile, from across the United States. (30:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	FOX CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
Monday – Friday	5:00a-9:00am	

DESCRIPTION: The FOX Carolina's Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday and The Morning News Monday thru Friday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

October 1, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 2, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Federal prosecutors said that Greenville County Councilman Tony Trout was arrested Wednesday morning on federal charges. U.S. Attorney W. Walter Wilkins said that Trout was arrested in connection with a federal complaint that was filed on Wednesday. He said the complaint accuses Trout of unauthorized access of computers. According to court documents, Trout installed software on computers and used it to spy on Greenville County Administrator Joe Kernell. Trout walked into a Greenville County federal courtroom in handcuffs for a bond hearing. His wife, Donna Trout, and fellow council member Lottie Gibson sat behind him during the hearing. The judge set bond under conditions that Trout surrender several guns that he owns. "This has nothing to do with guns," Trout told the judge. "I'm an ex-police officer and have had those guns for years. I haven't shot a gun in 20 years." The judge told Trout the guns would be returned once everything had been settled in court. He also told Trout he would also have to surrender his passport. After the hearing, Trout said that he looks forward to his day in court. "They have my phone bugged," he said. Trout faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted. A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Friday in the case. Agents Raid Trout's Home In June: In June, federal agents raided Trout's home and seized at least four computers. That was the second time agents had raided the home. Trout had said the election-day raid was politically motivated. The councilman went on to lose his re-election bid. "I'm not backing down," Trout told FOX Carolina News in June after the second raid on his home. "I'll fight this all the way because there's no evidence whatsoever. Whatever I've done, I haven't done anything wrong. I've had a lawyer every step of the way." Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest on this developing story.

October 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 2, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A teenager and high school football player pleaded guilty to a crime that police said was gang related on Tuesday. Dominique Ellis, 17, pleaded guilty to assault and battery in Anderson Municipal Court. Police said Ellis attacked a 15-year-old boy at a park last week. They said Ellis told them he was in a gang. Ellis has been banned from Eastside Park for the rest of his life, police said. Ellis plays running back at TL Hanna High School, which takes on Hillcrest this Friday night. There was no word on whether Ellis will play with the team on Friday.

October 16, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 16, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Federal, state and local law enforcement were investigating a bank robbery in downtown Clinton on Thursday afternoon. The robbery happened at the Palmetto Bank at 101 West Carolina Ave. at 12:07 p.m. Clinton Public Safety Department Chief John Thomas said a 25- to 30-year-old man wearing an orange baseball cap walked into the bank wrote a note demanding money on an envelope and showed it to a bank teller. The man walked out with an undisclosed amount of money, Thomas said. Thomas said it is standard procedure for his department to call the State Law Enforcement Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation when a bank robbery happens. Thomas would not confirm that this robbery may be connected to other bank heists across the state in the past few weeks. Anyone with information on this case was asked to call the Clinton Public Safety Department at 864-833-7512.

October 23, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 23, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Tony Torres has been sentenced to death in the beating death of a Spartanburg couple. It took jurors almost two hours to decide the penalty Torres would face. On Sunday, a jury convicted Tony Torres of beating Ray and Ann Emery to death with a hammer last May. The jurors began deliberating just before noon Thursday after Torres spoke to the jury during the death penalty phase of the trial. "I stand in this courtroom and I have to live every day the rest of my life knowing that I've been found guilty of killing my best friend's parents," Torres said, as he cried. "Although I may be hated, I just want to ask people to forgive me." Torres ripped a sheet of paper that was placed in front of him to read. "What's in front of me, I don't want to read that. I want to tell you something from my heart, because it hurts," he told the jury. "I didn't ask to be born and not going to ask to die. As I stand up here, it's like standing at the gates asking God to let me in." Just minutes before Torres spoke, Seventh Circuit Solicitor Trey Gowdy had prompted several jurors to reach for tissues, as he showed them graphic pictures of the Emerys' bodies during his closing arguments and talked about their life together. "They lived together, they loved together and they died together," Gowdy told the jury. "He's been shown mercy," Gowdy said, referring to Torres' 40 prior convictions, which range from car break-ins to burglaries.

October 24, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 24, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A South Carolina woman must reimburse the federal government the \$10,000 she received for falsely claiming to be a victim of Hurricane Katrina. Linda Jackson was sentenced Thursday to probation and ordered to repay the money after pleading guilty earlier this year to filing false claims and receiving public money. Prosecutors said Jackson received five checks from the Federal Emergency Management Agency by claiming to live in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Addis, La., when Hurricane Katrina made landfall in 2005. Prosecutors said Jackson applied through a toll-free line while living in South Carolina. The Greenville News reported that Jackson's attorney, David Plowden, told the judge Jackson was sorry. He said "ripping off FEMA" was sad but easy.

October 28, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 28, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Department of Corrections officials said a man serving a four-year prison sentence walked away from his work-release job on Tuesday. Corrections officials said 39-year-old Joe Bellis was assigned a job at a farming facility in Greenville at Columbia Farms. Bellis was believed to have left his job around 10 a.m., officials said. Officials said Bellis was last seen wearing a gray, hooded jacket, a white T-shirt and blue jeans. Bellis was serving time for grand larceny at the minimum security Livesay Correctional Institution in Spartanburg, officials said. Officials said Bellis now faces a felony escape charge and an additional one to 15 years in prison. Anyone with information on Bellis' whereabouts should call the Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Unit at 877-349-2130.

October 31, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 31, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said they have found a methamphetamine lab at a home in Simpsonville on Thursday morning. The incident happened at 133 Sunshine Drive off Fowler Road. Greenville County Master Deputy Michael Hildebrand said the sheriff's office as well as Simpsonville police have received several complaints from neighbors about what was going on at the home. Hildebrand said they found the lab in an outbuilding near the home. Charged in the case were 28-year-old Monica McAdams, 27-year-old Benjamin Landers and 26-year-old Pierce Landers IV. Both Benjamin and Pierce Landers were charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. McAdams was charged with possession of methamphetamine. All three were being held at the Greenville County Detention Center under no bond.

October 31, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 31, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Anderson County deputies said four people were arrested following a raid on a chop shop on Thursday. The raid happened at 208 Willingham Road. Investigators said several cars were stolen from car lots around town, including Carolina Auto Auction. They said the cars were taken to a shed on the property and taken apart. Parts from the stolen cars would then be used on race cars. Neighbors said they were surprised to find out about the raid. "I've been living across from them for like, 10 or 11 years, and I've never heard of anything like that going on," said Rebecca Nimmons. Charged were 27-year-old Brandon Taylor, 34-year-old Jerry Gillespie, 43-year-old Mike Mardis and 40-year-old Todd Jeckel. Both Taylor and Gillespie have been charged with, among other things, operating a chop shop and possessing and receiving stolen goods. Investigators said Mardis and Jeckel were charged in a related incident to the discovery of the chop shop. Both have been charged with three counts of grand larceny and one count of conspiracy. Gillespie was released from jail on a \$25,000 bond. Taylor, Mardis and Jeckel were all being held at the Anderson County Detention Center on bond.

November 5, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 5, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police said an upstate woman is charged with getting prescription drugs illegally. Doris Rodgers of Greenville was arrested on Tuesday and charged with 29 counts of obtaining prescriptions by fraud and 28 counts of forgery. Police said Rodgers could face further charges by the state. Rodgers was being held at the Greenville County Detention Center. Police said the arrest came as a result of a joint investigation by the Mauldin Police Department, the Department of Health and Environmental Control and South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

November 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said 13 parents have been arrested in connection with delinquent child support cases. Deputies said a group of 23 parents owe \$260,135 in back child support. Investigators said the 13 parents who have been arrested face up to a year in jail if convicted. Deputies said they are still looking for 12 more parents who owe more than \$100,000 in back child support. To view a list of the parents arrested and a list of those being sought, visit the Newberry County Sheriff's Office Web site at www.newberrycounty.net/sheriff.

November 13, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 13, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said they are looking for a man who tried to abduct a 12-year-old girl while she waited for the school bus on Monday. The incident happened at a bus stop on Edison Street near Webster Street. Deputies said the girl told investigators that while she was waiting for the bus, a man in a red truck approached her and told her to get in the truck. She said she refused and the man then got out of the truck and tried to force her into it. The girl told investigators she was able to fight the man off and ran back to her house and told her mother about the incident. The man was described as white and in his 50s. He was wearing a blue shirt, pants and tennis shoes. He was driving a red truck, possibly a single-cab Ford Ranger. Anyone with information on this case should call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

November 14, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 14, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Polk County Sheriff Chris Abril has stepped down from his position. His resignation was effective on Sunday. Abril is scheduled to stand trial on Monday morning, and faces statutory rape and sexual offense charges. The North Carolina Bureau of Investigations began looking into rape claims made against Abril in March of 2006. Abril is accused of having sexual contact with two girls, 10 and 12, in the late 80s while serving as the police chief of Columbus. Five months after the investigation began, Abril was arrested but denied the allegations. Despite the charges, Abril was elected sheriff in November 2006 and sworn in a month afterward. His trial is set to begin on Monday in Haywood County.

November 25, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 25, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The Greenville News reported on Monday that the number of robberies in Greenville County tripled in October. Although robberies in unincorporated parts of the county were up, there was no increase in the city of Greenville, the newspaper reported. Deputies said the October spike comes as a surprise because robberies over the summer were down compared to previous years. The newspaper reported that law enforcement agencies across the country are expecting an increase in robberies over the holiday season. The victim was able to escape the home and run to a neighbor's house to call for help. She was not injured. Police said one of the men had a blue tattoo on the side of his neck and had braided hair. They said the second man was wearing a long, black, hooded coat. They said the woman was wearing a strawberry-blond wig that came to her shoulders. Anyone with information was asked to call the Greer Police Department.

November 26, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 26, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police asked anyone who feels they may be a victim of this business to contact Detective Brian Write at 864-289-8986. Deputies said they are searching for a man who carjacked and kidnapped a student at gunpoint and then stole another car. Investigators said a student was walking to his car outside Woodmont High School on Tuesday night, when a man pulled a gun on him and threw him in the trunk of his car. Deputies said the carjacker then drove to the Burger King on Highway 25 in Ware Shoals. Ware Shoals police said the gunman then forced another driver out of their car and stole it just before 10 p.m. Police said they found the first stolen vehicle, but the second vehicle has not been found. Investigators described the carjacker as a teenager with an Afro. He was wearing a dark jacket with fur on the hood and blue jeans. He was last seen driving a white 1992 Mitsubishi Eclipse with a black hood and black rims. Anyone with information on this case was asked to call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

November 26, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 26, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police said they searched a business on Tuesday they believe is involved in fraudulent transactions. Police said they executed a search warrant at 864 Customs, located at 412 W. Butler Road, in reference to fraudulent documents, possible narcotics and other fraudulent transactions. Police asked anyone who feels they may be a victim of this business to contact Detective Brian Write at 864-289-8986.

November 29, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 29, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Anderson County Coroner Don McCowan said Jeremy Wade Dickerson died from massive blood loss due to bruising from being beaten multiple times with a metal mop handle. An autopsy was conducted Saturday morning after Anderson County sheriff's deputies found the 7-year-old boy dead in an Easley home Friday. McCowan said it appears the boy died sometime early Friday morning. He said Jeremy was dead several hours prior to his father calling 911. "It's the most disturbing case I've worked involving a child death," said McCowan. The boy's father, 40-year-old James Dickerson Jr., was arrested and charged with homicide by child abuse and unlawful conduct toward a child, FOX Carolina News reported. Anderson County Coroner Greg Shore said paramedics were called to the home on West Church Road off Highway 8 just before 9:30 a.m. for a child suffering from cardiac arrest. Paramedics called deputies after they were unable to revive the boy. Dickerson's bond was denied Saturday morning. He had a bond hearing in front of an Anderson County Magistrate judge. But in South Carolina only a Circuit Court judge can set bond on a murder charge, FOX Carolina News reported. There was no word on when his next court date will be. The 5-year-old brother of the victim was taken into protective custody. A fund has been established to assist the victim's family with burial costs. It has been set up under the name Steven R. Brown for Jeremy Dickerson at the First Citizen Bank in Liberty, S.C. Donations can be sent to: Steven R. Brown for Jeremy Dickerson Fund P.O. Box 208 Liberty, S.C. 29657.

December 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 2, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A 73-year-old woman was mugged in a Kmart parking lot Friday. The woman was getting into her car outside the store when a man drove up to her, Greenville County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Melissa McKinney said. The man demanded her purse, but she refused. He then took it from her forcibly, McKinney said. She was left standing in the lot, shaken. Such crimes seem to increase during the holidays, deputies say. "Holiday safety -- you keep your pocketbook close, because people will take them and pick them up if you ain't watching what you're doing," shopper Vicki Cantrell said. Deputies are asking people to keep up their guard. "At this time, it's the Christmas season, the holiday season," McKinney said. "We're just asking shoppers when out in shopping centers -- go in twos, be vigilant and look around." Shopper Lisa Bear offered another bit of advice: secure purses with the child safety belt in shopping carts. "That keeps someone from coming by and grabbing your purse," Bear said.

December 4, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 4, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A jury acquitted two men charged in the shooting death of a teen last year not guilty of murder. Police said 16-year-old Jameel Martin was shot in the head on Aug. 24, 2007 outside the Camp Croft Apartments. Investigators named Jonathan Arledge and Fred Dawkins as suspects about five days later. According to the Herald-Journal of Spartanburg, the jury determined there was not enough evidence to convict the two men on the charges. Martin's mother told the newspaper that she was distraught that convictions were not obtained. Both men were released from custody on Wednesday.

December 4, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 4, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police said they arrested a man on Wednesday night after officers found a methamphetamine lab in his car. Lt. Ralph Bobo of Simpsonville police said officers were called to the Spinx gas station on Fairview Road after 46-year-old Randall Williams, of Greenville, showed up at the station, which violated a court order of protection with his ex-wife. Bobo said officers said Williams admitted having methamphetamine on him and they decided to search his vehicle. They found materials used to manufacture methamphetamine and a shotgun in the car, Bobo said. Williams was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, possession. A cleanup crew was called in to clean up the materials and chemicals found in Williams' car, Bobo said.

December 4, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 4, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A Union County man was charged last Thursday with sexually assaulting two girls over a period of several years. Deputies said the investigation was launched after the Department of Social Services contacted the Union County Sheriff's Office. DSS officials told investigators that a 14-year-old girl said she witnessed 43-year-old Melvin Beam having sex with a minor several years ago. Investigators said they tracked down the alleged victim, who is now 18, and she agreed to speak with them. A few days after the interview, the 14-year-old girl who reported Beam said she was also sexually assaulted several times by Beam in the past. Beam was arrested on Thanksgiving Day and was charged with two counts of criminal sexual conduct. Lt. Robbie Hines of the Union County Sheriff's Office said he believes the alleged abuse was going on for the past eight years. "It's definitely horrific," Hines said. "I've got kids myself and just know how fragile these two individuals are and what to come is very bad." Investigators said more charges could be filed in the future.

December 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Four high school students have been charged in connection with a break in at the school's band room last week. The thefts happened at Hillcrest High School on Dec. 3. Police said 13 students had items taken during the break in, including iPods, calculators, cameras and cash. Police arrested 17-year-old John Evans IV, 17-year-old Stephen Elliot, 17-year-old Corey Anderson and 18-year-old Patrick Neely. All four have been charged with grand larceny. Police said most of the stolen items have been recovered and returned to their owners.

December 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said a witness to a bank robbery was shot at least once by the fleeing robber on Wednesday. The robbery happened at the Bank of Travelers Rest at 6204 White Horse Road around noon. Deputies said a man wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, a gray hat and a dark bandana walked into the bank, pointed a gun at the tellers and demanded money. The bandit then ran out of the bank toward Marian Road, deputies said. Deputies said as the robber was running away a dye pack in his loot exploded. That was when the bandit shot a man standing nearby at least once in the upper body. Family members of the victim told FOX Carolina that he had been shot in the neck and was undergoing surgery on Wednesday afternoon. A spokeswoman for the Greenville County Sheriff's Office said they are searching the area near the bank for the robber. Two schools near the search area were locked down as a precaution. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest information.

December 19, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 19, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A woman is charged with making her holidays a little richer by stealing from others. Police said Annette Blackwell took bank account statements out of people's mailboxes, created fake checks with their account numbers and wrote checks for items for herself. Zenith Schrimsher said she was a victim. There are no gifts under her Christmas tree and no money in her bank account. A little over a week ago, she discovered it had been wiped clean. "It just come at a bad time," Schrimsher said through tears. "Came at a bad time, but I'll be fine. I'll be fine. Schrimsher said she got a call on Tuesday from her bank. "Told me that I was overdrawn by 1,600 and something dollars. And I told them there was no way, and furthermore, I hadn't wrote checks in about two weeks." She said about \$4,600 was taken from her account in 17 checks. Deputies said Blackwell went on a shopping spree that included a \$2,300 scooter. "Mrs. Blackwell is going around in the Boiling Springs area stealing mail out of people mailboxes, and what she's looking for is account statements," said Kevin Bobo, of the Spartanburg Sheriff's Office. Investigators said she takes that information and makes counterfeit checks. The only thing legit is the account number at the bottom. "She also purchased a printer with one of my checks," Schrimsher said. "So I am assuming I kindly helped her print the

checks, too." Deputies allege the Blackwell even took the money to purchase a yellow light to go on top of her car for a more "official" look. Copies of her forged checks also show she bought thousands of dollars worth of toys.

September 17, 2008

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

September 17, 2008

5:00a-9:00am

The Morning News

Description: Officers in South Carolina are hoping to solve crimes with the help of inmates and special decks of playing cards. The playing cards would have pictures of victims and case information printed on them. Ralph Blessingame was murdered about nine years ago in the Nickel Town area. Now his face will appear on the two of diamonds. Richard Martin suffered severe head trauma and died at a Greenville Hospital 13 years ago. He will be on the four of hearts. The deck will consist of 52 unsolved homicides and missing people. Officials hope that inmates may come forward with information that could help solve cold cases. At the bottom of each card is a number that inmates can call to leave anonymous tips. Tom Lucas, father of one of the Superbike quadruple murder victims, was instrumental in getting the cards made. "To generate another tool to give them, another way of getting information... As you know, one tip, one comment may turn a case that may be 20 years old into a solved case," said Lucas.

September 24, 2008

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

September 24, 2008

5:00a-9:00am

The Morning News

Description: Police said a man who was stealing copper from a vacant home was caught after a neighbor spotted him underneath the house. The theft happened early Tuesday morning at 149 East Columbia Ave. Police said a neighbor noticed a pair of shoes sticking out from the crawl space door of the home. She called police and described "wiggling shoes" and hammering sounds coming from the home, police said. According to Capt. Steve Lamb, with the Spartanburg Public Safety Department, police went to the address and found a man lying under the home trying to steal copper. Jackie Simuel Anderson Sr., 49, was charged with third-degree burglary, injury to real property and possession of burglary tools. Lamb said the arrest was possible because of an observant citizen. He said the department encourages the community to become the "eyes and ears" of law enforcement.

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Education

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
October 17, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 17, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A chemical leak at a plant forced school officials to close three nearby schools as a precaution on Friday morning. Spartanburg County deputies said the Hexion plant alerted them of a leak of an acrylic chemical called Styrene. That leak has been contained, they said. Deputies said they have advised people in the area to stay indoors just as a precaution. They said no evacuations have been ordered. School officials said they made the decision to close Dorman High School, Dorman Freshman School and Roebuck Elementary School just to be safe. The superintendent of those schools said the facilities were closed before classes started and students who were on their way in were rerouted to another school. Officials said parents have been notified of the situation and told to pick up their children. So far, there are no reports of injuries.

October 29, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 29, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Laurens County school officials said several students were suspended on Monday after one of them showed a gun at school. Laurens County School District 55 Superintendent Ed Taylor said they found the gun in the locker of a 12-year-old student after someone reported it to a teacher. Taylor said they also found a single bullet with the gun. "It was a .25 caliber automatic," Taylor said. "It had a broken handle and it was taped up. I think he brought it to show some people." Police said the student got the gun from a 16-year-old who has been arrested on other charges. "We don't have any reason to think he was mad at anybody but obviously guns and schools don't mix," Taylor said. Taylor said there were rumors going around that the incident may have been gang-related, but he said there is no evidence to suggest that is the case. The student who brought the gun to school has been suspended, Taylor said. Another student was also suspended because he did not tell anyone about the gun, the second student's father said. He said he does not think it's fair to punish his son for not wanting to become involved in the situation. "The young fellow that had the weapon showed it to several students and my son, not wanting any trouble, just decided he didn't want to have anything to do with it," said Richard Aiken. Aiken said his son's non-involvement landed him a two-day suspension. "I pick him up from school today and he's saying he's been suspended for two days," Aiken said. "I haven't gotten a call from the school or anything." Aiken said that although he would have preferred for his son to tell someone about the weapon, he feels his son is being unfairly punished for something he had nothing to do with. "When you are 11 years old, it's easy to get scared," Aiken said. "So, basically, he was suspended for being scared." According to Yolanda Aiken with Laurens County School District 55, in total, 10 students were suspended after they did not report the weapon.

November 24, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 24, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Greenville Technical College president Dr. Keith Miller has let three of the school's vice presidents go as part of his reorganization plan. The cuts were announced in a letter from Miller sent to employees on Friday morning. School officials said the move comes after a \$3.4 million budget cut. "Personnel is certainly a part of it when 75 to 80 percent of budget is in salary and benefits, a cut this big will impact personnel unfortunately," Miller said during an interview with FOX Carolina. Miller said Dr. Ben Dillard, executive vice president, Dr. Barbara Lassiter, vice president for planning and technology, and Dr. Nancy Welch, vice president for student services, have had their positions eliminated. Dillard was responsible for internal operations at the college. Lassiter was responsible for college marketing and the school's television station. Welch was responsible for providing enrollment support for students and compliance with policies and procedures. "It's going to be a huge loss in regards to all three vice presidents," Miller said. "The state budget cut was a driving force on this. No doubt I would not be letting these three vice presidents go if it weren't for these budget cuts." Miller said this is just the first step in a larger plan he has to reorganize the school's administrative structure. "There will be more changes coming," Miller said. When asked to elaborate on the future changes, Miller declined. But Miller did say he will not be recommending a tuition hike for the spring semester to make up the money.

November 26, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 26, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The University of South Carolina Upstate has received a \$1 million donation for its business school being built in downtown Spartanburg. The school said Tuesday that Stewart Heath Johnson, chief executive of Morgan Corporation, and his wife, Ann Cobb Johnson, made the donation. The Herald-Journal of Spartanburg reported that Stewart Johnson is the brother of George Dean Johnson Jr., who recently donated \$6 million for the project, which will bear his name. Stewart Johnson said the gift is to honor his brother and Cobb's father, James David Cobb. The atrium will be dedicated to Cobb. USC Upstate broke ground for the \$30 million George Dean Johnson Jr. College of Business and Economics earlier this month. It is being built downtown, while the main campus is near Interstate 85 north of the city.

November 26, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 26, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Two South Carolina lawmakers have started a petition drive hoping to change the state constitution to set higher goals for education. The State newspaper reported that Democratic Columbia Rep. James Smith and Bowman Sen. John Matthews want the South Carolina Constitution to guarantee children a "high quality education." The South Carolina Supreme Court has ruled that the current constitution guarantees children "a minimally adequate education." Smith and Matthews hope to get one million signatures on their petition asking the General Assembly to let voters change the constitution. A spokesman for Gov. Mark Sanford, Joel Sawyer, said it would be hard for courts to decide what a "high quality" education means. Sawyer said it took the courts more than 10 years to define "minimally adequate."

December 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 2, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Hundreds of educators, students and [business](#) leaders from across South Carolina are in Columbia to discuss ways to keep students in school and increase the state's graduation rate. The Tuesday meeting is part of a nationwide effort to find solutions for the nation's dropout problem and prepare students for college. It is among 100 summits to be held across the country by 2010. About 900 people are attending the daylong event at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. It kicks off the state's "Graduation Matters" campaign. Various reports have ranked South Carolina's on-time graduation rate as the nation's lowest. Topics include identifying potential dropouts early, mentoring and graduation coaches.

December 9, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 9, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A new report paints a rosier picture when it comes to the math and science scores of American students. The study finds that American kids score above average on international fourth- and eighth-grade math tests -- a significant improvement since 1995. Researchers also warn that the U.S remains well behind Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan and Korea, which reported dramatically higher math scores. When it came to science, the study found that American scores were slightly better than those in math, but that the scores have stagnated since 1995, and that Singapore and Hong Kong students now rate ahead of their U.S. counterparts. The findings came in the latest Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study. Among its other results, the study reported that girls are closing the gender gap, with half the countries showing no difference in test scores between boys and girls. In the other half, girls did better in a quarter of the countries, and boys did better in the other quarter.

December 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 18, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Clemson University President James Barker said the school should be able to survive the latest round of state budget cuts without having to take drastic measures. South Carolina lawmakers cut the university's budget by 7 percent, or about \$13 million, in the most recent round of budget cuts. The Anderson Independent-Mail reported that Barker told faculty and staff during a meeting Wednesday that steps already taken like a hiring and travel freeze, delaying building programs and five days of unpaid leave for employees should be enough to cover the latest cut. Barker said Clemson has created 11 committees to help determine how the university can handle the next round of budget cuts.

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Environment

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
October 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 22, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A conservation group plans to release a report detailing how cities across the Southeast can save millions of gallons of water a day through conservation. The group American Rivers said taking steps like repairing leaks in water lines, replacing old fixtures and raising the price of water make more sense than building dams to create new reservoirs. Its report is due out on Wednesday. A drought over most of this decade has caused water shortages in areas from Alabama to North Carolina. A World Wildlife Fund study released this summer found that global warming will significantly affect the Southeast's water supply and likely end the region's traditionally inexpensive access to water.

October 28, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 28, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Forecasters said Tuesday afternoon that snows will end in the mountains while at the same time cold air moves into the western Carolinas. According to a report from the National Weather Service, up to three inches of snow fell near Curso in Haywood County, while Asheville saw only a half inch. Several schools were forced to either delay or close because of the slippery roads. Troopers said drivers should be on the lookout for slick spots on bridges and overpasses. The weather service has also issued a freeze warning for the upstate and the eastern mountain counties from midnight to 9 a.m. Wednesday. Forecasters said temperatures are expected to fall to between 29 and 32 degrees on Tuesday night. They said anyone with outdoor plants should bring them inside to protect them from the frigid weather. The weather service said these conditions will kill crops and other sensitive vegetation.

November 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Experts said if there is no meaningful rainfall soon, Hartwell Lake could fall below the only functioning intake for the Anderson water district by as early as next fall. The Independent-Mail of Anderson reported that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said that the current lake level is 639.58 above mean sea level. That is lower than the previous record low of 642.4 feet set during the drought of 1981. Steve Wilson, manager of the Anderson Regional Joint Water System, said water cannot be taken from Hartwell Lake through the only remaining submerged intake pipe for the water system if water levels recede to 620 feet. At the current rate of water usage, Wilson said that could happen late next summer or early fall. Officials wonder if current conservation measures will be enough. FOX Carolina meteorologist Melissa Jones said there is a chance for rain this week. She said scattered showers are forecasted from Wednesday through Friday. She said rainfall amounts will generally be less than an inch.

November 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 21, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Nine water districts in Anderson County were placed under mandatory water restrictions on Thursday. Water district managers said the restrictions were necessary because Hartwell Lake is 21 feet below normal. They said the amount of water being taken out of the lake is disproportionate to the amount of water coming into the lake. The districts placed under mandatory restrictions are Big Creek, Broadway, Hammond, Highway 88, Homeland Park, Sandy Springs, Starr-Iva, West Anderson and Williamston. Customers who live in those districts cannot water their lawns or wash their cars. Managers said

the goal is to reduce the amount of water being taken from the lake by 25 percent. Anyone caught violating the restrictions could face a fine or see an increase in their water bill if they go over a set amount of water.

November 25, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 25, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it is reducing water flow through three Savannah River lakes on the South Carolina-Georgia state line that are at record lows because of a drought. The Independent-Mail of Anderson said the Corps released a statement Monday saying it is reducing the flow from Lake Hartwell to 3,100 cubic feet per second from 3,600. That would keep an additional 300 million gallons of water a day in the lake. Hartwell is the head of a three-lake system and was at a record low of less than 640 feet this weekend. An Anderson Regional Joint Water System official said without the change, only one year's supply of water would remain before Lake Hartwell dropped below the system's intake pipe. The Corps said the reduced flow plan could stay in place until February.

December 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 10, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The western Carolinas are in store for some heavy rain along with embedded thunderstorms on Thursday, forecasters said. The National Weather Service has issued a flash flood watch for Oconee, Pickens and northern Greenville counties in South Carolina; Macon, southern Jackson, Transylvania and Henderson counties in North Carolina; and Stephens and Franklin counties in northeast Georgia. The watch is in effect until 4 p.m. Thursday. FOX Carolina meteorologist Melissa Jones said a cold front moving in from the west along with a low pressure system moving in from the south will combine to produce heavy rainfall. She said a few strong storms are possible along and south of Interstate 85. She said some of the storms could produce damaging winds. Jones said some locations could see as much as two inches of rainfall by the time the front moves out on Thursday night. Although the rain will be heavy, it is badly needed in the western Carolinas. Greenville and Asheville both remain in an exceptional drought status – the highest level on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Rainfall in Greenville is 13.39 inches below normal for the year. In Asheville, rainfall is 13.7 inches below normal for the year.

December 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 22, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Temperatures in Chicago were expected to remain in the single digits Monday. It's not that big an improvement from Sunday's start of winter, when one heavily bundled woman said it was so cold it felt like needles were pricking her eyes. More than 100 Chicagoans spent the night in a city warming center. The frigid air mass has moved east, with single-digit readings in several Ohio cities and wind chills well below zero across the Midwest. Tens of thousands remained without power Monday, making the misery from deep-freeze temperatures all the worse. In addition, many holiday travelers were left stranded after winter storms. Blizzard warnings were issued for parts of Maine, Illinois and Iowa. One resident of Eustis, Maine, said the nearly 42 inches of snow that fell is beautiful, but "a little crazy." The same storm battering Maine produced sleet and freezing rain in New York and New Jersey, delaying flight arrivals. Chicago's O'Hare International Airport canceled about 150 flights Sunday. In western New York, blowing snow Monday morning forced the closure of a 134-mile stretch of the state Thruway from Rochester to the Pennsylvania border. Indiana saw four fatalities on an icy toll road near New Carlisle, and one man was killed on Interstate 94 west of Detroit in a series of pileups that engulfed 30 vehicles. In Wisconsin, more than 20 cars were involved in an accident, sending eight people to the hospital. The National Weather Service said Bismarck, N.D., was on track to break a 1916 record for December snowfall. The city has had 19 inches so far. With 4 more inches expected Monday night, the record 21.7 inches of snow could be shattered. Even the Pacific Northwest wasn't being spared. Seattle expected 4 inches of fresh snow Monday morning. In Arizona, a third storm was expected by Monday afternoon, bringing up to 10 inches of snow in higher elevations.

The weather is having a brutal effect on holiday shopping as well. **Schools Disrupted:** In Pittsburgh, where the wind chill fell below zero, schools have been closed for the day. Massachusetts officials also canceled classes Monday in a number of Bay State communities due to icy roads, WCVB-TV in Boston reported. Boston's 143 city schools were closed, and officials said students would not return to class until Jan. 5, after the winter break. Mayor Tom Menino urged anyone planning on leaving their homes to use public transportation. "It is extremely slushy -- surprisingly so," one commuter said. Much of the slush turned to ice as temperatures lingered in the teens early Monday morning. Gusty winds and the cold temperatures will lead to bitterly cold wind chills, forecasters said. Three major storms in recent weeks have left many without power, and thousands of residents are still in the dark. The National Weather Service issued a gale warning for Cape Cod Bay and Nantucket Sound that was in effect until 5 p.m. Monday. School officials at Martin University in Indianapolis said broken water pipes caused million of dollars in damage early Monday morning, WRTV in Indianapolis reported. Alarms started going off just after 2:30 a.m. at the school's main administration building, said spokeswoman Danita Hoskin. The broken pipes -- likely brought on by the bitterly cold weather -- caused water damage throughout the 30,000-square-foot building, ruining computers and leaving standing water on the floor, Hoskin said. "We had just installed brand new computers in the building, and so we're really just still trying to access the damages to the university," she said. The building houses both offices and some classrooms. Students are currently on winter break, with classes scheduled to resume Jan. 2. Hoskin said the school could push back that date, depending on the severity of the damage. Forecasters said more bad weather is expected before it will end.

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Government

PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED FOURTH QUARTER 2008

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sundays	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY

DESCRIPTION:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

October 1, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Greenville County residents lined up to register to vote Tuesday afternoon. "If we're going to have a say as to what's going on you should vote," Lisa Arnold said as she stood in line. "It's very important right now, the way the economy is." Arnold used to work for the state, but doesn't anymore. "I lost my job because of budget cuts, so I understand," she said. Arnold is like many Americans who are concerned about jobs, high or no gas at the pumps, education and the war. "I want my kids to grow up in a world that's worth living in and safe," David Miller said as he walked out of the Voter's Registration Office in Greenville County. The deadline to register in South Carolina is October 4. "It affects everybody, no matter big or small. Who you are it's going to affect you in the future," he said. Employees were busy trying to get registration cards mailed. "They may use either the voter registration card or a South Carolina driver's license or the picture ID issued by the highway department," Conway Belangia, the Director of Elections in Greenville County. Belangia said voters should be prepared before they go to the polls. "You can't wear T-shirts, buttons or hats, or take pens with campaign material on it," Belangia said. Its state law, and you can't campaign within 200 feet of an entrance to a polling place, Belangia said. Belangia has one more thing voters should know. "You only have three minutes in the booth to cast your ballot," he said. Belangia advises voters to know the issues on the ballot and -- no matter who you're voting for -- just vote. "If you don't vote, you really don't have say," Belangia said. Officials said there has already been a 10 to 12 percent increase of registered voters in Greenville County compared to the last presidential election. If you don't get your voter's registration card in the mail before election day, Nov. 4, you can use your driver's license or a state I.D. Absentee voting starts Monday for those who won't be in the area on election day.

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Description: The strong bipartisan Senate vote for a \$700 billion economic bailout package will put more pressure on Republican members to back the measure if it comes up for a vote in the U.S. House, Republican leadership aides said. The Senate approved the modified financial rescue plan in a 74-25 vote Wednesday night. Democratic leadership aides said the House vote could occur at midday Friday. A vote on the bailout package on Monday failed in the House after a majority of Republican members voted against the bill. "The strong vote is helpful. We believe the [House](#) has a better chance to pass this bill than the one it considered on Monday," a Republican leadership aide said after Wednesday night's vote. "Having said that, we're going to need more Democrat and Republican votes to pass this bill in the House." Another Republican leadership aide said the Senate vote "puts more pressure on the House to get the bill done." Congressional leaders on Wednesday added "sweeteners" to the financial bailout plan to entice enough House members, particularly Republicans, to pass the plan, which failed in the House on Monday. The measures -- a mix of tax extensions, an increase in federal deposit insurance and other measures -- include many items that are appealing to Republicans. President Bush on Thursday urged the House to pass an "improved" bill. Bush said the plan "has got the best chance" to help small-business owners function. Rep. Barney Frank, chief Democratic negotiator of the bill in the House, said the House has a better chance of passing the bill the second time around. "The reality has hit some members," Frank said late Wednesday, adding, "The main change is reality. It's not possible now to scoff at the predictions of doom if we don't do anything." Speaker Nancy Pelosi indicated the House "will act in a bipartisan way to restore market confidence as well as Main Street's confidence in our economic future." The modified bailout package included the core measures the House rejected -- a plan that would allow Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson to buy up to \$700 billion in bad mortgage-related securities and other bad assets that are undermining credit markets worldwide -- as well as a mix of other

measures that previously passed in the Senate. The bailout plan has new provisions, including an increase in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. cap from \$100,000 to \$250,000. It makes \$250 billion immediately available to purchase bank assets, leaving \$100 billion at the president's discretion and \$350 billion subject to congressional review. The bill also includes a "mental-health parity" provision, which would require health insurance companies to cover mental illness at parity with physical illness. Because tax bills must originate in the House, the [Senate](#) attached the rescue plan to a bill that deals with renewable energy tax incentives. This allowed the Senate to vote before the House to approve a bailout bill. "I would not have moved forward on this if I didn't think the chance in the House was good," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nevada. Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the top Republican in the House, believes the additional measures will make it easier to pass the controversial bill, a spokesman said. So does Rep. Charles Rangel, D-New York, who chairs the Ways and Means Committee. "The extenders and energy package, and the mental health and the AMT (alternative minimum tax) kind of guarantees it's going to go through," Rangel said. But the additional tax extensions meant to persuade some House Republicans to switch their votes in favor of the bill could cause some fiscally conservative, or "Blue Dog," Democrats to drop their support because the tax cuts would drive up the federal deficit. "When markets are poisoned, you demand the best antidote, not yield to President Bush's take-it-or-leave-it demand," said Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas. Hoyer, the No. 2 Democrat in the House, said he wasn't pleased the tax exemptions were added to the bill and admitted they may result in fewer House Democrats supporting the proposal. "There's no doubt the tax package is very controversial. The Senate, in my opinion, is adding that on because they think that's the only way they can get it passed," Hoyer told NBC on Wednesday. The [Senate](#) vote came two days after the House voted against the measure, 228-205. A majority of House Democrats voted for the bailout package, 140-95, but a majority of Republican members voted against the bill, 133-65. Before Monday's vote, House members were bombarded with constituent calls in opposition to the bill. The calls to one Republican opponent of the measure, Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana, were running 85 percent to 90 percent against the bailout, said Bill Smith, Pence's chief of staff. The servers hosting the Web sites of the [House](#) and its members were also overwhelmed with millions of e-mails, forcing administrators Tuesday to implement the "digital version of a traffic cop" to handle the overload -- for the first time ever.

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Description: The election is finally here -- at least in North Carolina. Voters in North Carolina can begin going to the polls Thursday as part of the state's early voting period. Election officials are strongly encouraging voters to take advantage of the period that lasts until Nov. 1 to ease the strain on polling places on Election Day. One-stop voting also allows those who missed the voter registration deadline to register and cast a ballot at the same time. Both the Republican and Democratic campaigns are encouraging their supporters to vote early. Early voting locations for every county are posted on the Web site of the State Board of Elections at www.sboe.state.nc.us

October 27, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: More than 1 million people have now cast a ballot in North Carolina's early voting, surpassing the total number who voted at one-stop sites four years ago. Data released Sunday by the State Board of Elections shows 1,078,710 have voted. In 2004, the state counted some 984,000 ballots during the full early period. Early voting started Oct. 16, and counties have been increasing the availability of one-stop sites since then. The early balloting ends Saturday. The numbers clearly favor Democrats. Of the early voters, 58 percent are registered Democrats. Just 25 percent are registered Republicans. Elections officials expect that about one-third of North Carolina's voters will go to the polls early.

October 31, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: A new poll suggests one of the deciding factors in Tuesday's presidential election could be the undecideds. An Associated Press-Yahoo News poll said one in seven voters, or 14 percent, can't decide, or they back a candidate but might still switch. Patrick Campbell is typical. He worries Barack Obama will raise his taxes but thinks John McCain will send people off to war. The 50-year-old Air Force Reserve technician from Amherst, N.Y., says each candidate has pluses and minuses for him and others like him. Overall, the share of these voters, sometimes referred to as "persuadables," has barely budged from levels measured in June and September AP-Yahoo News polls, conducted online by Knowledge Networks. Of those now changeable, nearly three-quarters said in June their minds were made up, and half said so just last month. The survey found Obama leading McCain among all likely voters, 51 percent to 43 percent, with a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. The AP-Yahoo News poll of 1,040 likely voters was conducted Oct. 17-27. It included interviews with 147 likely voters considered persuadable, meaning they're either undecided or back a candidate but say they might change their mind, and 893 likely voters considered not persuadable. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 8.1 percentage points for persuadable likely voters and 3.3 points for those considered not persuadable. The poll was conducted over the Internet by Knowledge Networks,

which initially contacted people using traditional telephone polling methods and followed with online interviews. People chosen for the study who had no Internet access were given it for free.

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Description: Hundreds of voters in southwest Atlanta were waiting in line until nearly 10:30 p.m. Thursday because of computer problems at an advanced voting location. Matt Carrothers, spokesman for the Georgia Secretary of State's Office, said some of the computers at the Adamsville recreation center had trouble connecting to the state's voting system throughout the evening. Carrothers said the problem was isolated to the center and most polling locations across the state were running smoothly on Thursday. Lisa Borders, president of the Atlanta City Council, estimated there were about 600 people in line at 9 p.m. The center closed at 7 p.m. but allowed voters already in line to cast ballots. Georgia voters began voting Sept. 22, and expanded the polling process to more sites Monday. So far, some 1.5 million people have cast their ballots already in Georgia -- more than 26 percent of the electorate.

November 4, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: From polling changes to rumors of extended voting days, many people aren't sure what to believe when the mail comes or the phone rings. "I don't answer the phones or watch TV. I just know what I know," said one anonymous voter. When it comes to your polling place, election officials say you can log on to Scvotes.org to find the name and address of your precinct. According to election officials, any residents affected by a precinct change would have been notified by mail. "We didn't want to take a chance," said Conway Belangia, elections commissioner for Greenville County. "We went back for a year and a half, and anything that changed during the year and a half -- we mailed out notices." The notices in Greenville County looked similar to IRS forms, and say Greenville County on the front. Once opened, the notice will have the county seal inside. "Those are the mail-outs we did to make sure people understand exactly where to go vote if there was a question," said Belangia. The Greenville County Elections Director said only a few precinct changes were made recently, and that most of the notifications dealt with changes that happened over a year ago. Most of the changes dealt with a changed name of the location, rather than the address. As an example, Greenville 10 is voting at the Springfield Baptist Church. "That's not really a change, but we just want to make sure any of those voters who haven't voted in a while would know exactly where they need to go vote," Belangia said.

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Description: There were long lines outside polling places around the state, as South Carolinians got a chance to vote for president after months of relative quiet while the campaigns swirled through other states. Polls were scheduled to close at 7 p.m. Tuesday. About 300 people were waiting in line at the Springfield Baptist Church in downtown Greenville at about 10 a.m. The church serves as the polling place for Greenville's 10th precinct. January's presidential primaries in South Carolina were marked by weeks of furious campaigning and the elections were won by the eventual nominees: Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain. The victories provided needed momentum for both campaigns. Because South Carolina is considered a safe state for McCain, Obama has not returned and the Arizona senator has visited only once for a fundraiser. In North Carolina, officials are reporting a fairly smooth Election Day, so far. The polls in the Tarheel State close at 7:30 p.m. A FOX Carolina viewer said her polling place in Candler was almost empty with no lines at all. Some experts said the short lines at the polls in North Carolina could be because the state allows voters to cast their ballot early.

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Description: U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham is returning to Washington after easily sweeping to a second term over a little-known Democratic challenger. The Associated Press called the race for the Republican incumbent shortly after polls closed Tuesday night. The call was based on an analysis of voter interviews, conducted for The Associated Press by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International. The re-election shows Graham overcame Republican misgivings about his role in failed immigration legislation. The senator spent most of his campaign on the road with Sen. John McCain and spent Election Day in Arizona. Challenger Bob Conley was a newcomer to state politics and the Democratic Party. He tried to run to the right of Graham and did not curry favor from state Democrat.

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Description: His storied election -- and a joyous celebration in Chicago's Grant Park Tuesday night -- behind him, president-elect Barack Obama turned Wednesday to the task of building an administration in times of crisis as Americans and the world absorbed his history-shattering achievement as the first black leader ascending to the presidency. But before such weighty matters with just 76 days until his inauguration as the 44th president, Obama first took time to see his two daughters off to school, a simple pleasure he's missed during nearly two years of virtually nonstop travel. Then he headed to the gym for a workout. The nation's top intelligence officials planned to give him top-secret daily briefings starting Thursday, sharing with him the most critical overnight intelligence as well as other information he has not been allowed to see as a senator or candidate. And Obama planned to give the first of his daily briefings to the media on Thursday as he moves quickly to begin assembling a White House staff and selecting Cabinet nominees. Obama was asking Illinois Rep. Rahm Emanuel, former political and policy adviser to President Bill Clinton, to be his White House chief of staff, Democratic officials said. John Podesta, who served as Clinton's chief of staff, was expected to join Obama Senate aide Pete Rouse and campaign adviser Valerie Jarrett in leading the transition team. Obama said in an interview with ABC News a week before the election that he had a pretty good idea of who he might invite with him to the White House, and that some of his job offers might go to Republicans. "On a whole host of these issues, I think we need Republicans, not just as show pieces," Obama told ABC News. "In some cases, Republicans have good ideas. And, you know, I've always been more than happy to steal good ideas from whatever the source." President George W. Bush pledged "complete cooperation" in the transition and called Obama's victory a "triumph of the American story." Naming the staggering list of problems he inherits in his decisive defeat of Republican John McCain - two wars and "the worst financial crisis in a century," among them - Obama sought to restrain the soaring expectations of his supporters late Tuesday night even as he stoked them with impassioned calls for national unity and partisan healing. "We may not get there in one year or even in one term," he said. "But, America, I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there. I promise you, we as a people will get there." Helping him to get there will be a strengthened Democratic majority in both houses of Congress. When Obama becomes the president on Jan. 20, with Delaware Sen. Joe Biden as his vice president, Democrats will control both the White House and Congress for the first time since 1994. Black Leaders Weep: Ending an improbable journey that started for Obama a long 21 months ago, he drew a record-breaking \$700 million to his campaign account alone. The first African-American destined to sit in the Oval Office, he also was the first Democrat to receive more than 50 percent of the popular vote since Jimmy Carter in 1976. He is the first senator elected to the White House since John F. Kennedy in 1960. And Obama scored an Electoral College landslide that redrew America's political dynamics. He won states that reliably voted Republican in presidential elections, such as Indiana and Virginia, which hadn't supported a Democratic candidate in 44 years. Ohio and Florida, key to President Bush's twin victories, also went for Obama, as did Pennsylvania, which McCain had deemed crucial for his election hopes. With most U.S. precincts tallied, the popular vote was 52.3 percent for Obama and 46.4 percent for McCain. But the count in the Electoral College was much more lopsided - 349 to 147 in Obama's favor as of early Wednesday, with three states still to be decided. Those were North Carolina, Georgia and Missouri. The nation awakened to the new reality at daybreak, a short night after millions witnessed Obama's election - an event so rare it could not be called a once-in-a-century happening. Prominent black leaders wept unabashedly in public, rejoicing in the elevation of one of their own, at long last. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who had made two White House bids himself, said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that the tears streaming down his face upon Obama's victory were about his father and grandmother and "those who paved the fights. And then that Barack's so majestic." Rep. John Lewis, a Georgia Democrat and leading player in the civil rights movement with Jackson, said on NBC's "Today" show: "He's going to call on us, I believe, to sacrifice. We all must give up something." Speaking from Hong Kong, retired Gen. Colin Powell, the black Republican whose endorsement of Obama symbolized the candidate's bipartisan reach and bolstered him against charges of inexperience, called the senator's victory "a very very historic occasion." But he also predicted that Obama would be "a president for all America." Economy Dominated: Six in 10 voters picked the economy as the most important issue facing the nation in an Associated Press exit poll. None of the other top issues -- energy, Iraq, terrorism and health care - was selected by more than one in 10. Obama has promised to cut taxes for most Americans, get the United States out of Iraq and expand health care, including mandatory coverage for children. McCain conceded defeat shortly after 11 p.m. EST, telling supporters outside the Arizona Biltmore Hotel, "The American people have spoken, and they have spoken clearly." "This is an historic election, and I recognize the special significance it has for African-Americans and the special pride that must be theirs tonight," McCain said. "These are difficult times for our country. And I pledge to him tonight to do all in my power to help him lead us through the many challenges we face." The son of a Kenyan father and a white mother from Kansas, the 47-year-old Obama has had a startlingly rapid rise, from lawyer and community organizer to state legislator and U.S. senator, now not even four years into his first term. Almost six in 10 women supported Obama nationwide, while men leaned his way by a narrow margin, according to interviews with voters. Just over half of whites supported McCain, giving him a slim advantage in a group that Bush carried overwhelmingly in 2004. In terms of turnout, America voted in record numbers. It looks like 136.6 million Americans will have voted for president this election, based on 88 percent of the country's precincts tallied and projections for absentee ballots, said Michael McDonald of George Mason University. Using his methods, that would give Obama a 64.1 percent turnout rate, the highest since 65.7 percent in 1908, he said

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Description: Although South Carolina awarded its eight electoral votes to Republican John McCain, experts said the race for president was closer than usual. McCain got about 54 percent of the vote in the state while Democrat Barack Obama picked up

about 45 percent of the vote. South Carolina voters under age 45 and those who identify as a moderate favored Obama, causing a closer than usual race in the traditionally Republican state. McCain won Greenville County by a significant margin. The Republican candidate picked up 115,822 votes, which trumped Obama's 70,618 votes. A Greenville woman who told FOX Carolina she voted Republican on Tuesday said she is sad her candidate did not win, but she will support the newly elected president. In South Carolina's other two population centers, Obama won the night. In Richland County, which includes the capitol of Columbia, Obama picked up 104,029 votes and McCain picked up 57,234. In Charleston County, Obama won 35,323 votes which is a bit more than McCain's 22,689 votes.

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Description: President-Elect Barack Obama took the stage late Nov. 4 to a thunderous chant of "Yes We Can" from supporters in Chicago. With his family at his side, his first words were, "Hello Chicago. If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," said Obama, sending a wave of silence over the crowd of supporters. He thanked the record-breaking number of voters, saying Election Day's answer was "told by lines that stretched around schools and churches in numbers this nation has never seen; by people who waited three hours and four hours, many for the very first time in their lives, because they believed that this time must be different." He also made an effort to reach out to republicans after the long, tumultuous campaign that left the country on either side of bitter waters. "As Lincoln said to a nation far more divided than ours, 'We are not enemies, but friends... though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection,'" he said. "And to those Americans whose support I have yet to earn -- I may not have won your vote, but I hear your voices, I need your help, and I will be your president too." He said that American voters "sent a message to the world that we have never been a collection of Red States and Blue States: we are, and always will be, the United States of America." "It's been a long time coming," Obama went on. "But tonight, because of what we did on this day, in this election, at this defining moment, change has come to America." He reached out to Sen. John McCain, with whom he shared stake in the longest most expensive presidential campaign ever. He also opened the door to his once bitter rival and his running mate Gov. Sarah Palin. "He fought long and hard in this campaign, and he's fought even longer and harder for the country he loves. He has endured sacrifices for America that most of us cannot begin to imagine, and we are better off for the service rendered by this brave and selfless leader," said Obama. "I congratulate him and Gov. Palin for all they have achieved, and I look forward to working with them to renew this nation's promise in the months ahead." He thanked his running mate Vice President-Elect Joe Biden who "spoke for the men and women he grew up with on the streets of Scranton" before turning his attention to his family, especially his wife, Michelle Obama. "I would not be standing here tonight without the unyielding support of my best friend for the last 16 years, the rock of our family and the love of my life, our nation's next First Lady, Michelle Obama," said Obama. "Sasha and Malia," he said to his daughters. "I love you both so much, and you have earned the new puppy that's coming with us to the White House." As he did on Election Day, he spoke only briefly about his deceased grandmother who succumbed to a battle with cancer. "And while she's no longer with us, I know my grandmother is watching, along with the family that made me who I am. I miss them tonight, and know that my debt to them is beyond measure," spoke Obama. Obama then thanked his campaign team which, with near-flawless precision, ran the largest presidential campaign from the grassroots to the end of a successful Election Day. He said that the victory doesn't belong to him, his campaign or Democrats but to the voters. "Above all, I will never forget who this victory truly belongs to -- it belongs to you," he said, thanking his donors who made helped raise millions of dollars with small donations. He said his win "was built by working men and women who dug into what little savings they had to give \$5 and \$10 and \$20 to this cause." His win, he said, grew "from the millions of Americans who volunteered, and organized, and proved that more than two centuries later, a government of the people, by the people and for the people has not perished from this Earth. This is your victory." He evoked Ann Nixon Cooper, a 106-year-old woman who lent her support to the campaign. He pondered all the changes she has seen -- from women's suffrage to the moon landing -- through her long life, and looked ahead to the next generation and the changes that waited over the horizon. "America, we have come so far. We have seen so much," said Obama. "But there is so much more to do. So, tonight, let us ask ourselves: if our children should live to see the next century; if my daughters should be so lucky to live as long as Ann Nixon Cooper, what change will they see? What progress will we have made?" He said that America now stands in a pivotal moment in which the country can "put our people back to work and open doors of opportunity for our kids; to restore prosperity and promote the cause of peace; to reclaim the American Dream and reaffirm that fundamental truth -- that out of many, we are one; that while we breathe, we hope." He ended his speech with the words that gave life to his campaign, where we are met with cynicism, and doubt, and those who tell us that we can't, we will respond with that timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people: Yes We Can. Thank you, God bless you, and may God bless the United States of America."

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Description: Federal officials said there was a 63 percent increase in illegal immigrants deported from Georgia and the Carolinas in the 12 months ending in October. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Atlanta Field Office of Detention and Removal carried out a record 17,955 deportation orders, compared with 11,006 the previous year. The agency counted them Thursday among more than 40,000 individuals processed in the three states during the 2008 fiscal year. With help from state and local authorities, ICE said it identified 9,182 criminal aliens who were incarcerated. In addition, it began removal proceedings against 7,000 criminals in state, local and federal jails and prisons, an increase from 3,722 in 2007.

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Description: Greenville County officials are considering joining some local governments in South Carolina that work with federal officials on illegal immigration. Greenville County Councilman Bob Taylor said illegal immigrants are a burden to schools and health care systems. The Greenville News reported Monday that Taylor has proposed that employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers could potentially lose the right to do business in unincorporated parts of the county. Beaufort and York counties have agreements with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enforce federal immigration laws. Master Deputy Mike Hildebrand said Sheriff Steve Loftis is interested in joining programs that authorize sheriff's deputies to enforce federal immigration laws, but does not have enough manpower to make a task force efficient.

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Description: President-elect Barack Obama is looking forward to Monday's White House transition talks with President Bush and is already examining ways to make a quick impact upon taking office, top Obama aides said Sunday. "I think it was very gracious of President Bush to invite him so early -- usually it happens a little later in the process," Valerie Jarrett, one of the transition team's co-chairs, told reporters. "I think because of the daunting challenges that are facing our country, President Bush thought it was important to move forward quickly." A prominent Democratic source close to Obama said Jarrett is also Obama's choice to be named to take over his seat in the Senate, though Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich would have the final say over a replacement. And John Podesta, the other co-chair, said the talks are likely to cover "a broad range of issues" -- but the slumping U.S. economy is expected to dominate the discussion. Podesta told CNN's "Late Edition" that Obama will push Congress to enact "at least part" of an economic package before he takes office in January, but said the problems Americans face need short-term and long-term approaches. "It's clear that we need to stabilize the economy, to deal with the financial meltdown that's now spreading across the rest of the economy. The auto industry is really, really back on its heels," Podesta said. And Obama's designated White House chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, said the government needs to consider "fast-forwarding" \$25 billion in low-interest loans already approved by Congress to help the Big Three U.S. automakers retool for more efficient vehicles. "They are an essential part of our economy and our industrial base," Emanuel told CBS' "Face the Nation." He added: "There are existing authorities within the government today that the administration should tap to help the auto industry." Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, both Democrats, urged Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson over the weekend to extend the \$700 billion bailout of the financial industry to shore up the ailing Ford, Chrysler and General Motors, which have been battered by the credit crisis and poor sales of gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles. But Treasury spokesperson Brookly McLaughlin said Sunday that the department remains focused on the financial sector and restarting stalled lending. Podesta said Congress could extend unemployment benefits for laid-off workers and provide assistance to states grappling with increased Medicaid costs quickly. But he said efforts to improve schools, expand health-care coverage and wean the nation's energy industry away from imported fuels "need to be tackled together." And he told "Fox News Sunday" that the incoming administration is conducting an extensive review of Bush's executive orders, looking for quick changes that Obama can make from his first day in office. "As a candidate, Senator Obama said that he wanted all the Bush executive orders reviewed and decide which ones should be kept and which ones should be repealed and which ones should be amended, and that process is going on. It's been undertaken," Podesta said. Podesta said Obama's team will be "looking at -- again, in virtually every agency -- to see where we can move forward, whether that's on energy transformation, on improving health care, on stem cell research." Podesta said there is a lot the president can do without waiting for Congress, and voters can expect to see Obama do so to try to restore "a sense that the country is working on behalf of the common good." Bush and Obama are set to meet Monday afternoon at the White House's Oval Office. "I'm sure they'll be open and frank, as I'm sure they've always been able to talk to one another," Jarrett said. "So I think it's a good sign for this country that they're having this meeting when they're having it, and we look forward to the days and weeks ahead." At the same time, first lady Laura Bush will take Obama's wife, Michelle, on a tour of the executive mansion. Podesta said cooperation with Bush administration officials has been "excellent" since Tuesday's election.

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Description: The Greenville City Council voted on Monday night to use taxpayer money to demolish part of Nicholtown. Council members said the area near the intersection of Dime, Rebecca and Nichol streets is a haven from crimes like prostitution and drug deals. The council's demolition plan will tear down a convenience store and a home across the street. It will also include the purchase of a nearby vacant lot. Council members said the entire plan will cost about \$170,000 -- \$150,000 to buy the four parcels of land and about \$20,000 for the demolition. They said the money will come from the city's community center fund since the target area is only a block away from an existing

community center. The city said it plans to use the land to build senior citizen housing and create a children's garden. There was no word on when redevelopment will begin.

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Description: Laurens Sen. Danny Verdin (R) was named to the new post of majority whip in the South Carolina Senate on Monday. Verdin will help Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler of Gaffney in coordinating the Republican Party's strategy in the Senate. Peeler said Verdin understands the current political environment and the need to return to core conservative values. Verdin has been in the Senate since 2001 and chairs the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

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Description: Humbled U.S. automakers pleaded with Congress on Thursday for an expanded \$34 billion rescue package, but heard fresh skepticism in a bumpy encore appearance. "We made mistakes, which we're learning from," General Motors Chief Executive Rick Wagoner told the Senate Banking Committee. He apologized for asking for the help from taxpayers. He told reporters ahead of a Senate hearing: "We wish the market conditions were better. They're not." Ford CEO Alan Mulally also acknowledged big mistakes, saying his company's mantra once was "You build it, they will come." "We produced more vehicles than our customers wanted, then slashed prices," he said. But as a result of these past mistakes, "we are really focused," he said. Saying the stakes are incredibly high, Chrysler CEO Bob Nardelli promised that his company, recipient of a previous government-subsidized rescue loan in the 1970s that it repaid, would repay taxpayers by 2012 and would devote itself to manufacturing "fuel-efficient cars and trucks that people want to buy." The auto executives have all offered to cancel bonuses and work for \$1 a year if taxpayer money is involved. Sen. Chris Dodd, the Senate Banking Committee chairman, came out Thursday in favor of federal financial help for the troubled auto industry. The Connecticut Democrat said that if the problem were simply one of the automakers failing to adapt to global competition, "I'd let them fail." But at a hearing, Dodd also said that such an approach would amount to playing "Russian Roulette with the economy of the United States." He said he thought automakers had made a better case for federal assistance than the financial industry, which has benefited from a \$700 billion rescue plan. Yet, he said the automakers plans on how they intend to use the money leave a lot of questions unanswered. Congressional officials said the auto bailout plan to tap fuel-efficiency loans for emergency aid to the Big Three doesn't come close to covering the \$34 billion carmakers say they need to survive. The officials said budget analysts have told top Democrats privately that diverting funding for the \$25 billion innovation program would yield only \$10 billion to \$15 billion in short-term operating loans. A group of auto state Republicans and Democrats is pushing a bill, backed by the White House, that would tap the program to finance an emergency bridge loan. It was designed to help automakers produce greener vehicles. No Private Jets This Time: Chastened by their unfriendly reception on Capitol Hill last month, the car execs grounded their private jets this time and drove to Washington. GM's Rick Wagoner, the head of the nation's largest automaker, even did some of the driving as he traveled 500 miles by car to Washington to again ask Congress to save his slumping company. Wagoner will be back in the spotlight along with fellow CEOs Alan Mulally of Ford and Robert Nardelli of Chrysler. Wagoner's plea for financial aid could be the most desperate. GM's recovery plan calls for \$18 billion in loans. It warns that without \$4 billion immediately, the 100-year-old icon might be out of business. All three CEOs drove in high-mileage hybrid vehicles after their trips two weeks ago became a public relations disaster when they came in separate corporate jets.

December 9, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 9, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina legislators have filed bills that call for raising the state's cigarette tax, easing gun restrictions and outlawing payday lending. Tuesday was the first day bills could be filed in the House before the two-year legislative session opens Jan. 13. Among the proposals are competing bills for raising the state's cigarette tax. Laurens Republican Rep. Mike Pitts filed one that raises the nation's lowest cigarette tax of 7 cents to 37 cents a pack. The bill calls for spending the revenue on nursing scholarships. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Cooper, a Piedmont Republican, filed a bill to allow any law-abiding citizen to carry a weapon. Cooper says it loosens concealed permit restrictions. Other legislators filed bills to ban or more tightly regulate payday lending in the Palmetto State.

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October 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 15, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A Brazilian company that makes special fabric used in disposable diapers, sterile packaging for hospitals and mattresses is opening a plant in Laurens County, bringing 80 jobs to the area. Fitsea announced its new \$120 million plant on Tuesday. It's the company's first plant in North America. Officials said the 225,000-square-foot plant will be built in an industrial park near Interstate 385 and can be expanded. Laurens County officials said a significant number of jobs at the factory should pay better than the county's average wage of just over \$12.50 an hour. The unemployment rate was 8 percent in August in Laurens County, near the state average of 7.6 percent. Fitsea has a major plant in southern Brazil and is owned by Petropar.

October 16, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 16, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: An Upstate [car dealership](#) has closed its doors. Planet [Ford](#) in Belton went out of business on Tuesday. Employees at the dealership said the current economic situation has forced the business to shut down.

October 17, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 17, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Officials said hundreds of BMW's temporary workers will be laid off in December due to the ailing economy. The Greenville News reported Friday that more than 700 workers hired through a staffing company could lose their jobs at the German automaker's Greer plant. About 5,400 workers at the plants are employed by BMW, while others are hired by contractors. Spokesman Bobby Hitt said BMW uses temporary workers to handle production fluctuations, such as producing the Z4 this fall. He said production of that vehicle for 2008 will end Dec. 19. A report filed with the state [Commerce Department](#) said BMW could let go as many as 733 people. The layoffs follow a drop in BMW's U.S. sales. Hitt told the newspaper that work on the plant's \$750 million expansion continues.

October 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 22, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Officials said Champion Aerospace is expanding its Pickens County plant and adding up to 45 new jobs. Commerce and company officials said Tuesday the aviation parts manufacturer will expand its Liberty plant and begin hiring immediately. The plant makes spark plugs, oil filters and aviation engine parts. Champion Aerospace is a subsidiary of TransDigm Group Inc. Officials credited the expansion to TransDigm's acquisition last month to some assets of Unison Industries, a subsidiary of General Electric. The Greenville News reported that the jobs will pay about \$16 an hour.

October 23, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 23, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: As the economy sank during the third quarter, so did profits for many of America's most recognizable corporations. While more numbers are expected over the next week or so, here's a quick glance at some winners and losers up to this point when it comes to third-quarter earnings: • Union Pacific, [winner](#). The Omaha, Neb.-based railroad earned \$703 million, or \$1.38 per share, compared with \$532 million, or \$1 per share, in the year-ago quarter. The company said damage and delays from Hurricane Gustav and Ike cut its earnings by about 8 cents per share in the 2008 period. • UPS, loser. The company said it earned \$970 million, or 96 cents a share, for the three months ended Sept. 30, a 9.9 percent decline from profit

of \$1.08 billion, or \$1.02 a share, a year ago. • Apple, winner. Apple's profit climbed to \$1.14 billion, or \$1.26 per share, from \$904 million, or \$1.01 per share in the same period last year. Sales jumped 27 percent to \$7.9 billion from \$6.22 billion in the year-ago quarter. • Northwest, loser. The nation's fifth-largest carrier said it lost \$1.20 per share, compared with a profit of \$244 million, or 93 cents per share, during the same period last year. Revenue rose 12.4 percent to almost \$3.8 billion. • Eli Lilly, loser. The Indianapolis-based drug company said Thursday it lost \$465.6 million, or 43 cents per share. Last year it earned \$926.3 million, or 85 cents per share, in the same quarter. • Continental, loser. The airline reported a loss of \$2.14 per share, compared with year-ago earnings of \$241 million, or \$2.15 per share. Excluding one-time expenses, the loss would have totaled \$1.32 per share in the latest period, topping analysts' average loss forecast of \$1.55. • U.S. Airways, loser. The Tempe, Ariz.-based carrier lost \$8.45 per share, compared with a profit of \$177 million, or \$1.87 per share, in the same period last year. Revenue was up 7.4 percent to \$3.26 billion. • Wachovia, loser. The Charlotte, N.C.-based [bank](#) said it lost \$23.89 billion, or \$11.18 per share, after paying preferred dividends. That's down from earnings of \$1.62 billion, or 85 cents per share, a year ago. • AT&T, winner. AT&T Inc.'s earnings rose 5.5 percent in the third quarter, but missed analyst expectations in part because of strong sales of iPhones, which the carrier subsidizes. The country's largest telecommunications company said Wednesday it earned \$3.23 billion, or 55 cents per share. • Boeing, loser. The Chicago-based aerospace company said it earned \$695 million, or 96 cents per share in the quarter, down from \$1.11 billion, or \$1.44 per share, a year earlier. The strike and production problems reduced Boeing's airplane deliveries, cutting profit by 60 cents per share during the period. • ConocoPhillips, winner. ConocoPhillips said net income for the July-September period rose to \$5.18 billion, or \$3.39 per share, from \$3.67 billion, or \$2.23 per share, during the same period a year earlier. • New York Time, loser. The publisher said Thursday its preliminary calculation shows it earned \$6.5 million, or 5 cents a share, in the July-September period. That's down from \$13.4 million, or 9 cents a share, a year ago. • McDonald's, winner. The Oak Brook, Ill.-based company said it earned \$1.19 billion, or \$1.05 per share, in the three months ended Sept. 30. That's up from \$1.07 billion, or 89 cents per share, a year ago. • Yahoo!, loser. With advertisers cutting back on spending, the bad economy is taking a toll on Yahoo. Third-quarter profit dropped 64 percent. And Yahoo lowered its full-year revenue forecast while planning to cut 1,500 jobs. • Traveler's, loser. The St. Paul, Minn.-based company said net income tumbled to \$214 million, or 36 cents per share, from \$1.2 billion, or \$1.81 per share, a year ago. Catastrophe losses linked to Hurricanes Ike, Gustav and Dolly cost the company \$682 million, compared with just \$9 million a year earlier.

October 23, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 23, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Wall Street is joining world stock markets in a precipitous plunge, with the Dow Jones industrials dropping more than 400 points in the opening minutes of trading. The growing belief that the world will suffer a punishing economic recession has investors furiously dumping stocks. Grim news from overseas has added to the worldwide gloom. Big companies including Sony and Daimler are warning of tough times ahead, joining U.S. companies in scaling back their earnings forecasts. The Dow was down 444 at the 8,251 level. All the major indices were down more than 4 percent. Ahead of the opening bell, the Dow Jones industrial average futures were down 550 points, the maximum allowed price change. The drop triggered a freeze in selling. European markets opened sharply lower, while Asian stocks finished in the red. Most notable was Japan's Nikkei, which lost 9.6 percent to close under 8,000 for the first time since May of 2003. Those losses were driven by a dismal earnings report from Sony and a falling dollar, which has sunk to a 13-year low against the yen. Sony watched its shares plunge more than 14 percent after slashing its earnings forecast. One strategist in Hong Kong said, "The global crisis has come to Asia." Jobs Lost On Wall Street: The fallout from the continued global credit crisis has claimed jobs on all corners of Wall Street, from [hedge fund](#) managers to floor traders. More than 110,000 have lost their jobs so far this year. Some industry experts forecast it could come close to 200,000 before the year is over. Goldman Sachs Group, the world's biggest investment bank, made plans on Thursday to cut 3,200 positions from its staff of 32,000. Barclays Capital is in the midst of purging 3,000 jobs as part of its takeover of Lehman Brothers, and Bank of America's acquisition of Merrill Lynch is likely to add thousands of additional cuts. Michael Williams, dean of the graduate school of business at New York's Touro College, believes up to 250,000 financial workers could be without jobs by the second quarter of next year. House Hearings To Continue: A [House](#) panel will focus Friday on how best to create jobs to help get the economy back on track. Thousands of layoffs have been announced in the past few days, and the number of workers filing first-time claims last week for jobless benefits was higher than expected. More than 2 million Americans have lost their jobs in the past year. Former Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan said it's going to get worse. Friday's hearing will look at ways to create good-paying jobs, including rebuilding the nation's infrastructure. The head of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, the agency that backstops pensions for 44 million Americans, will also testify before the Labor Committee. The agency's financial problems may threaten the retirement security of millions of Americans. OPEC To Cut Output: Meanwhile, OPEC oil ministers have decided to cut output by 1.5 million barrels a day as of next month in an attempt to shore up sagging prices. The worldwide economic crisis has put a huge crimp in demand for crude and prices have fallen sharply from historic highs. OPEC's statement says prices have witnessed a dramatic collapse unprecedented in speed and magnitude. Crude oil rose in Asian trade Friday, while the dollar was down.

October 29, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 29, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A new Wal-Mart store opened on Pelham Road on Wednesday morning. Developers said the new store, located at 3925 Pelham Road, is designed to create a “local market feel” and creates a warm shopping atmosphere. The store brings 250 new jobs to the area and will offer \$18,000 in grants to local organizations, developers said. “The Chamber is excited about the jobs the new Wal-Mart store is providing and the investment that is being made in the community there on the east side of Greenville,” said Ben Haskew, president and CEO of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. The store opened at 7:30 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

October 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 30, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Officials with Blair Mills in Belton said the textile plant will close by the end of the year, eliminating 250 jobs. Company President Billy Rice said the business makes towels for hotels and other businesses and has operated for 102 years. Rice told the Anderson Independent-Mail the company has signed an agreement to sell the business to 1888 Mills in Griffin, Ga. Rice said 1888 Mills has a facility in Georgia and in Pakistan and does not need the Belton plant. The Georgia-based company will also get the patent that Blair Mills holds for a process of making towels with colors that withstand bleach, Rice said. Rice said 1888 Mills' global operation will be able to better serve Blair Mills' customers. Rice said he will try to help his employees get jobs at other plants.

October 31, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 31, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: BMW supplier LSP Automotive Systems LLC will add 61 jobs and spend \$45 million expanding its plant in Union County. The Greenville News reported Thursday that LSP already employs about 160 at its 230,000-square-foot plant, which makes metal stampings for the X6 sports-activity coupe that BMW Manufacturing Co. assembles in Greer. Stanley Vanderford, executive director of the Union County Development Board, said LSP would add 125,000 square feet of space and install a second assembly line at its plant, located along U.S. 176 between Union and Spartanburg. LSP is the second BMW supplier to announce an expansion in little more than a month. In September, [Lear Corp.](#) said it would add 140 jobs and build a second factory in Greer to make seat components for BMW Manufacturing.

November 3, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 3, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Shoppers at the new Wal-Mart on Pelham Road have mixed feelings about the discount store's opening. The store opened last Wednesday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Before the store was even built, traffic concerns were the central issue before the Greenville County Council allowed the retailer to begin construction. FOX Carolina asked some shoppers and homeowners in the area how the store has impacted traffic in its first few days of business. “It's gotten a lot worse,” said one shopper. “It was already bad there. They've put a red light in but it's still awful.” “The addition of the Wal-Mart has increased traffic, but the convenience of having a Wal-Mart so close; I'll take the additional traffic,” said Art, another shopper.

November 5, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 5, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Stocks closed down on Wednesday as Wall Street focused on the troubled economy following Sen. Barack Obama's election to the White House. The Dow lost 486 points, at the 9,139 level. The Nasdaq Composite Index has lost 98 points at 1,681. And the Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Index is down 52 points at 952. level. Broader market indexes were also down more than 1.5 percent. Analysts said the market expected an Obama victory, and Wednesday's selling was part of a trading pattern known as “buy on the rumor, sell on the news.” Investors were also cashing in some of their gains from Tuesday's big rally, which sent the Dow Jones industrials up more than 300 points on expectations that battered stocks would enjoy a traditional year-end rally. Analysts said investors are focused on the economy rather than the election. After revealing the worst contraction in manufacturing sector activity in 26 years, the Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing executives, said Wednesday that the services sector index fell to 44.4 in October from 50.2 in September. Wall Street economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters expected a reading of 47.5. A reading below 50 signals contraction. Later this week, the Labor Department will release its highly anticipated report on October job losses, which are predicted to be massive following a freeze-up in the [credit](#) markets that crimped many companies' ability to get financing. Economists on average expect a 200,000 drop in payrolls, according to Thomson/IFR. Obama faces a diving economy that has traumatized Americans trying to buy a home, pay for college or plan for retirement. He also will inherit a budget deficit that many analysts say could hit a trillion dollars for the first time. That could severely crimp any promises for tax cuts or spending on new programs. The economic crisis could also throw cold water on new spending for improving health insurance and moving toward energy self-sufficiency.

November 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Circuit City Stores has filed for bankruptcy about a week after it said it would close 20 percent of its stores. The Richmond, Va.-based electronics retailer has been struggling as nervous consumers spend less and [credit](#) has become tighter. It filed for bankruptcy protection on Monday. Chapter 11 protection typically allows a company to hold off creditors and operate as normal while it develops a financial reorganization plan. Circuit City said it has more than \$1 billion in assets and more than \$1 billion in liabilities. Courts do not require companies to provide more specific figures in filings. The company said it anticipates it would have money to distribute to unsecured creditors, who get paid last/

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DESCRIPTION: Deutsche Post AG will close all of its DHL Express service centers, cut 9,500 jobs in the United States and eliminate U.S.-only domestic shipping by land and air, the company said Monday, citing heavy losses and fierce competition. The Bonn-based company said that new round of cuts are on top of another 5,400 job cuts it already announced and blamed heavy losses at the unit, which competes with rivals UPS Inc. and [FedEx Corp.](#) The cuts are part of a wider plan to curtail operations in the U.S., including domestic ground and delivery services though its international shipping won't be affected. The express unit currently employs some 18,000 workers. Part of the plan calls for the halt to domestic shipping by Jan. 30, the company said after it closes all of its ground hubs. "The retained U.S. international express network with a total of 3,000 to 4,000 employees will be tailored to the needs of the group's international express service customers," the company said in a statement. "All international shipments into the U.S. will still be delivered, while 99 percent of the outbound shipments will be picked up." The move is expected to reduce operating costs at the U.S. Express unit from \$5.4 billion to less than \$1 billion. "The international express offering in the U.S. will be maintained on today's levels and the region will remain an integral part of DHL's global Express network," the company added. Shares of Deutsche Post were up 4.2 percent at \$12.60 in Frankfurt trading.

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DESCRIPTION: Despite the down economy, falling gas prices have driven consumers back to the [sport utility vehicles](#) they once gave the cold shoulder. Workers at General Motor's Arlington, Texas, SUV assembly plant began working overtime this month and are scheduled to remain on overtime for the rest of the year. The plant, which employs 2,500 workers, is now the only GM factory building full-size [sport utility](#) vehicles like the Chevrolet Tahoe, GMC Yukon and Cadillac Escalade. Although sales of the vehicles are still down overall, they have rebounded in recent weeks as gas prices have fallen and cash-strapped automakers have slashed prices. The vehicles have proven to be a solid source of revenue for GM. "We're still on overtime," plant spokeswoman Wendi Sabo told The Dallas Morning News. "Nothing has changed." GM is also placing a high-stakes bet on its SUV line overseas, opening a new \$300 million plant Friday near St. Petersburg, Russia. The plant will produce GM SUVs, the Chevrolet Captiva and Opel Antara, which have become status symbols in Russia, reported Edmunds.com. Chevrolet is the sales champion in Russia, with 190,553 cars sold last year alone, allowing GM to claim a 10.9 percent market share there. Likewise, Opel is in Russia's top 10 in sales, recording a whopping 238 percent sales growth in 2007, according to GM figures.

November 13, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 13, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A titanium company announced on Wednesday that it plans to build a mill and test facility in two different parts of the upstate. American Titanium Works said it will build a small mill on Highway 221 near the Wal-Mart distribution center in Laurens County. The company said it plans to [invest](#) \$422 million into the project. The mill will make rolled titanium, which is used in many things, including airplanes, cars and medical devices. The company said it will create 320 new jobs at the mill. Laurens Mayor Sharon Brownlee said she has been working for months to bring the company to the area. "We feel like it's going to help in many ways," Brownlee said. "It's a real big boost." Groundbreaking for the Laurens facility is slated for 2010, the company said. American Titanium Works said it will also build a test facility at the new Clemson University's International [Center for Automotive Research](#) in Greenville County. The company said it will employ 40 engineers at the facility who specialize in prototype development and fabrication technologies. There was no word on when the new Greenville County facility will open.

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DESCRIPTION: South Carolina lottery officials said sales are up in the state despite the economic downturn. The State newspaper reported sales since July are up \$6 million from the same period last year. Lottery officials said profits should reach the \$252 million goal needed to pay for college scholarships. Lottery executive director Ernie Passailaigue said people continue to play the games even in bad economic times.

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DESCRIPTION: North Carolina treasurer Richard Moore is gearing up to fight the planned banking merger of Charlotte-based Wachovia with San Francisco-based Wells Fargo. The Charlotte Observer reported Wednesday that Moore will instruct the North Carolina pension fund to vote the 3.2 million shares of Wachovia stock it owns against the Wells Fargo deal. Wachovia's share prices have fallen more than 85 percent in the past year. Wachovia was on the brink of collapse last month before Wells Fargo swept in with a higher offer than rival Citigroup's bid. Moore said the merger price, now estimated at nearly \$13 billion, is still too low. The treasurer called it "highway robbery."

November 14, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 14, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Another upstate university is making cuts. Bob Jones University said it will cut 50 to 55 support staff positions. Bob Jones said the cuts would not affect students in any way. A university spokesperson said the majority of the cuts will come at the end of the school year in May. The university is also putting some construction projects on hold. The school's president recently sent a letter to parents to inform them that tuition would not go up by more than 2 percent this year.

November 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 18, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A nylon manufacturing plant in South Carolina is laying off 300 workers. Solutia Inc. spokeswoman Missy Hammond said the decision to idle the plant in Greenwood came because of the poor economy. She said the company has seen an unprecedented drop in demand for nylon in the past six weeks. The Index-Journal of Greenwood reports the company said the layoffs began in August, but many of them occurred last weekend. Some of the workers laid off worked directly for Solutia, while others worked at the plant through a contract company.

November 24, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 24, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The Dow Jones industrials made solid gains on Monday on relief over the government bailout of Citigroup Inc., hovering just below the 400 mark at the close of trade. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose about 6.2 percent. The government said it is pumping another \$20 billion into Citigroup with the hope it will keep the financial giant from collapsing. [Investors](#) are hoping the rescue attempt will help lift some of the uncertainty hounding the financial sector and the overall economy. Many observers saw the move as offering a template for how the government might carry out other bank stabilizations if they are needed. Still, the market remains wary, especially with the economy in a serious downturn. The Dow was up more than 500 points in the last hour before giving up some of its gains -- many investors wanted to take some [money](#) off the table before the next bit of bad news arrives. The Citigroup deal calls for hundreds of billions of dollars in risky assets will also be guaranteed by the federal government. In addition, the government will guarantee as much as \$306 billion of risky loans and securities backed by commercial and residential mortgages. In exchange, the government will get \$7 billion in preferred shares of Citigroup. Under a loss-sharing arrangement, the first \$29 billion in losses on the risky pool of assets will be assumed by Citigroup. After that, the government will take 90 percent of the remaining losses. Citigroup is barred from paying quarterly dividends to shareholders of more than 1 cent a share for three years unless the company gets the OK from three federal agencies. There are restrictions on executive compensation and bonuses. The agreement also calls on Citigroup to modify mortgages for homeowners facing foreclosure. The plan will mirror one that has borrowers paying interest rates of about 3 percent for five years. Rates are reduced so they aren't paying more than 38 percent of their pretax income on housing. An announcement detailing the plan came from the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. "With these transactions, the U.S. government is taking the actions necessary to strengthen the financial system and protect U.S. taxpayers and the U.S. economy," the agencies said in a statement issued Sunday night. "We will continue to use all of our resources to preserve the strength of our banking institutions, and promote the process of repair and recovery and to manage risks." Until just a couple of months ago, Citigroup was the largest bank in the world by assets. Experts say that Citigroup is such a large, interconnected player in the financial system that if it were to collapse, it would wreak havoc on the already fragile economy. The \$20 billion come from the \$700 billion financial bailout package. It will be the second influx of cash for the institution. Analysts around the world suggest if Citigroup were to fail, financial markets would descend into chaos and there'd be no more lending or borrowing "for a while." Regulators are hoping this latest step will bolster badly shaken confidence not just in Citigroup, but throughout the nation's financial system.

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DESCRIPTION: A week after announcing more than 300 layoffs, a textile manufacturer has announced it is letting more than 100 more workers go in South Carolina. Solutia Inc. announced Friday it would lay off 101 additional employees and 23 contractors. Earlier this month, the St. Louis-based company said a sharp drop in demand for nylon has forced the layoff of more than 300 workers, or about one-third of the work force at its Greenwood plant. Solutia makes specialty chemicals and products for various industries. The company announced last month it plans to divest its nylon manufacturing operation.

November 25, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 25, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina officials said last week that 15,000 people in Greenville County are looking for a job. Workers at a local unemployment office said they have been very busy. "The company I worked with for 15 years laid off 150 people because of the economy and orders were slack," said Archie McHerring, just one of the thousands looking for a job. "I've faxed out, I think, maybe 50 resumes already." Workers at the office said so many people have been into their center that their resources are stretched thin and they are having a tough time keeping up. "We do have lines out the door in the morning," said Charles Haneman, with the One Stop Shop, an employment office in Greenville. "The line usually comes down during midmorning and then it's more manageable." Haneman said it's hard for anyone looking for a job right now, because of the rough economy. "I don't think this is anything we are going to come out of in the next quarter or next few months," Haneman said. "It's going to take a while." According to state officials, Greenville County has the fourth-highest unemployment rate in the state.

November 26, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 26, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The economy has forced a North Carolina executive search firm to lay off employees. The Asheville Citizen-Times reported Wednesday that Kimmel and Associates officials said 10 commissioned salespeople and three advertising workers were laid off last month. Company President Charlie Kimmel said the poor economy was the reason for the layoffs. Kimmel said he thinks 2009 will be a decent year for his business and it will be back to normal by 2010. The Asheville firm helps find jobs for people in the construction industry around the country. The company now employs 125 people.

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DESCRIPTION: Saying "help is on the way," President-elect Barack Obama announced two more members of his economic team at a news conference in Chicago on Wednesday. He also pledged that he will have an economic plan ready for action on his first day in office. Obama introduced former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker to head a new White House advisory board focused on creating jobs and bringing [stability](#) to the nation's financial system. Obama also announced that the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board's top staff official will be Austan Goolsbee, a University of Chicago economist. Obama described the 81-year-old Volcker as "fairly opinionated" and someone who "pulls no punches." Volcker is no stranger to economic crises. He became Fed chairman in 1979, a time of high inflation and high unemployment. He helped tame inflation by raising [interest rates](#), a move that helped plunge the economy into recession. He was later credited with reviving the economy by getting inflation under control. Volcker served as Fed chairman until 1987. He returns as an adviser with the nation facing increasing unemployment, a growing federal budget deficit and a financial system in turmoil. Obama defended himself against critics who accuse him of recycling Clinton administration officials, saying his aim is to create a Cabinet that combines "experience with fresh thinking." "The old ways of thinking and the old ways of acting just won't do," he said. Obama will consult with members of the advisory board on matters such as finance, spending, taxes and other topics. Obama said the board will offer perspective on how Washington policies are affecting Americans and all sectors of the economy. He said the board will report regularly to him as he and his economic team tries to jump-start the economy and ease the financial crisis. Wednesday's news conference was Obama's third of the week. All of them have focused on his economic team as Obama tries to assure nervous Americans and financial markets that he will bring swift economic relief. Obama cautions, however, that this sudden flurry of public appearances is less about undercutting President George W. Bush and more about assuring Americans that he's ready to "hit the ground running" come Inauguration Day. Earlier this week, Obama announced plans for a massive economic stimulus that Democrats say could cost as much as \$700 billion. He's stated no goals for reducing the record federal deficit, but Tuesday pledged a "line-by-line" budget review to eliminate unneeded spending. Next week, Obama plans to meet with the nation's governors, most of whom have huge budget shortfalls and painful choices concerning cutbacks and layoffs to worry about.

December 3, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 3, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: News from federal auditors could have some effect on the markets Wednesday, where futures point to a low start. The first comprehensive review of the \$700 billion rescue package said the oversight is needed to ensure that banking institutions limit their top executives' pay and comply with other restrictions. The Government Accountability Office report concludes the Treasury Department has no mechanism in place to track how institutions are using \$150 billion that the government injected into the banking system as of last month. The auditors acknowledged that the program, created Oct. 3 to help stabilize a rapidly faltering banking system, was less than 60 days old and has been adjusting to an evolving mission. But the 72-page report was bound to feed congressional concern that banks and other institutions are not being properly monitored and are not using the money to increase lending. World Markets Up After Big Day On Wall Street: The world markets mostly followed suit after Wall Street's Tuesday jump, but gains were muted compared to the U.S. market. Japan's Nikkei index was up 1.8 percent. Indexes in Hong Kong, China, Australia, Singapore, and India also moved higher, but South Korea's was down a fraction. An analyst in Singapore said among the worries weighing on Asian markets is the outlook for China's slowing economy. The Dow Jones industrials closed up 270 points at the 8,419 level, one day after falling nearly 680. All three major indexes closed higher. Encouraging news from Ford Motor Co. and General Electric Co. calmed the market a day after a massive decline. Futures pointed to a lower open on Wall Street with Dow futures down 45 points, or 0.5 percent, at 8387 and S&P futures off 4.6 points, or 0.5 percent, at 844.40. [The stock market](#) suffered one of its worst days since the start of the financial crisis on Monday as investors responded to a string of bad economic news by fleeing to the sidelines. Among Monday's events was confirmation by the National Bureau of Economic [Research](#) that the U.S. has been in a recession since December 2007.

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DESCRIPTION: A sock plant in Whitmire is closing, leaving 570 workers without a job. Officials at Renfro Corp. told the Herald-Journal of Spartanburg that they will shut down their plant off state Highway 121 by Jan. 30. Vice president of manufacturing Norman Smith said the global economic downturn has reduced demand for socks. The Mount Airy, N.C., company has more than 5,200 employees with plants in Clinton, Fort Payne, Ala., and Cleveland, Tenn., as well as Mexico, India, Pakistan and China. The closure will likely increase the unemployment rate in Newberry County, which was 8.7 percent in October, and in neighboring Union County, where the unemployment rate was 12.3 percent in October.

December 4, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 4, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: More than 500 workers at Washington Mutual's mortgage processing office in Florence will lose their jobs as the company is taken over by JPMorgan Chase & Co. JPMorgan Chase spokeswoman Nancy Norris told WBTW-TV that the jobs will be phased out over the next year, leaving just 380 people at the center by the end of 2009. Norris said 120 workers were given 60-day notices this week. The rest of the employees losing their jobs will work for at least the next several months helping with the takeover. The workers will get severance packages and other compensation. Last year, the mortgage processing center was one of Florence County's largest employers with 1,150 workers.

December 5, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 5, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina Educational Television officials said they will cut 15 permanent jobs and 28 temporary positions to help make up a \$2 million reduction in state funding. The state agency said in a [news release](#) Thursday that all employees also will have to take three days of unpaid furlough between now and June 30 -- the end of the fiscal year. ETV said it will offer employees an incentive package to leave voluntarily. About two-thirds of ETV's budget comes from state funding. This year that amount was \$16.5 million but has been cut to just more than \$14 million. State lawmakers held a special session this fall to adjust agency budgets to make up for a projected shortfall in tax collections of \$488 million in the state's \$7 billion spending plan.

December 8, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 8, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: State budget cuts have already forced South Carolina's top law enforcement agency to eliminate dozens of jobs, and the agency's director says more losses could be on the way. The State newspaper of Columbia reported Monday that State Law Enforcement Division Director Reggie Lloyd said his agency's budget has been cut nearly 17 percent since May. Lloyd said those cuts forced him to eliminate 40 jobs -- about 7 percent of SLED's total staff. He said there may be layoffs or furloughs if legislators reduce the agency's budget any further. Lloyd said he has already frozen [hiring](#) and overtime and restricted agents' car use when they are not working in an effort to save money. SLED will also make other money-saving cuts, Lloyd said. He said SLED could use its four helicopters more sparingly and decide to pass on some minor cases.

December 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: All South Carolina Forestry Commission employees must take five days of unpaid leave to help the agency deal with budget cuts. Agency officials said Wednesday that paychecks issued between Jan. 16 and June 16, 2009, will have the equivalent of a 4 percent salary cut. Forestry Commission spokesman Scott Hawkins said the agency has been reducing expenditures since budget cuts began earlier this year, but that unpaid leave is needed to stay within budget. Leave time must be taken between Dec. 17 and June 30, 2009, and will be coordinated with supervisors. The Forestry Commission employs 380 people.

December 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A solar power company plans to open a plant in Duncan that will create 300 jobs, the Herald-Journal of Spartanburg reported Wednesday. The paper said Switzerland-based Staubli Group will begin manufacturing parts for their solar power systems in mid-2009. The paper said the company plans to [invest](#) about \$5 million into its Spartanburg County operations over the next three to five years.

December 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Greenville Technical College announced Tuesday that it plans to cut 40 jobs to make up for a shortfall in state funding. The college said 28 full-time employees and 12 part-time employees will be affected by the cuts. In November, the school cut three vice presidents. Dr. Ben Dillard, executive vice president, Dr. Barbara Lassiter, vice president for planning and [technology](#), and Dr. Nancy Welch, vice president for student services, had their positions eliminated. The school said the cuts are part of a plan to make up more than \$3 million it lost in state funding. The college also said it is considering a four-day workweek and increasing faculty workloads in an effort to make up the lost [cash](#).

December 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 18, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental control announced Thursday that all employees will be required to take five days of unpaid leave beginning in January. DHEC Commissioner Earl Hunter sent an e-mail to staff on Thursday informing them of the decision. He said it costs about \$800,000 a day to run the agency. "A five-day furlough of all DHEC employees will generate just over \$3.9 million," Hunter said. "This will help greatly with the current budget cuts." Hunter said the furlough will also allow the agency time to evaluate all of its programs and decide which service it can no longer provide. "We have lost over 1,000 employees, some 20 percent of our workforce, in less than 10 years," Hunter said. Hunter said future job cuts would be determined based on whether the state asks the agencies to make more cuts from their budgets. "We fully appreciate the fact that the protection of the public's health and the environment in which we live is at state," Hunter said. A full assessment of core public health and environmental protection programs will also be conducted to determine which programs must be maintained, Hunter said.

December 19, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 19, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: An additional 11,500 people in South Carolina joined the ranks of the unemployed last month, driving the state's jobless rate to 8.4 percent. State unemployment officials said Friday that November's rate was up from a revised 7.9 percent rate in October and compares with a national rate of 6.7 percent. Nearly 183,000 people are unemployed in South Carolina. The state's top economic advisers have predicted that unemployment could reach an unprecedented 14 percent next year. The high number of people seeking unemployment benefits has depleted the fund the state uses to make those payments. Unemployment officials have said they will need to borrow \$147 million from the federal government to make payments in the first three months of the year.

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Sundays 9:30 am TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DESCRIPTION: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 10:00am DAY OF DISCOVERY

DESCRIPTION: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

October 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION: Sex offenders on probation or parole in South Carolina will again have a 5 p.m. curfew on Halloween. The Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services plans to check on the nearly 1,200 sex offenders it monitors through phone calls and home checks. The agency said offenders cannot host parties, give out candy or even have their outdoor lights on from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Halloween. Last year, several South Carolina counties required all sex offenders to show up at events at the sheriff's office on Halloween. Authorities also recommend that parents check the [South Carolina Sex Offender Registry](#) before allowing their children to go trick-or-treating.

October 28, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 28, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: It was a year ago that seven South Carolina college students died in a house fire and marked the worst disaster in the history of a North Carolina beach town. The lot where the house stood until Oct. 28, 2007, on Scotland Street at Ocean Isle Beach is empty. Visitors still ask for directions to the site on the Brunswick County Island, so they can leave flowers or just look. The Star-News of Wilmington reported Tuesday that Harold Atkins lives across a canal from the site and said visits are slowing down to a few each week. The town dedicated a memorial to the seven victims, six from the University of South Carolina and one from Clemson University. It is a steel cross at the foot of the bridge to the mainland and is inscribed with the students' names. Four of the seven students killed when a beach house in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., caught fire were from Greenville County. The families of those four victims talked to FOX Carolina last year just a few days after the students' deaths.

October 28, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 28, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies warned the public on Monday about a man impersonating an officer after a woman said he pulled her over and robbed her. The woman who did not want to be identified said he was headed to work when another car pulled up behind her. "I'm driving down the road and this car comes flying up behind me," the woman said. "(The car's) lights were flashing on and off." The woman said because of the flashing lights she assumed the car was a police officer and pulled over. "He was at my door and I tried to roll my window back up but he hit it really hard with the gun and told me to roll it back down," the woman said. "He said, 'Give me all your money.' So I said, 'Here, take my pocket book,' and he told me to drive off." Deputies said this woman was not the only victim of the fake officer. They said two hours before she was robbed, the man used the same scheme to rob someone else. "The most obvious thing is that all law enforcement uses a blue light," said Greenville County Master Deputy Michael Hildebrand. "If you don't see that blue light there is no reason to pull over." Hildebrand said it is alright to continue driving to a well-lit area even after drivers see blue lights. He said drivers should turn on their hazard signals and slow down until they feel it is safe to pull over. In the meantime, deputies ask all drivers to be on guard and call them if drivers see something suspicious.

October 28, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION: People in the upstate remembered the life of an Arkansas news anchor who was a native of a Greenville and who died following an attack at her home. Ann Pressly was a news anchor for a television station in Little Rock, Ark. Authorities there said Pressly was severely beaten last Monday during what they call a violent robbery. Doctors said every bone in Pressly's face was broken. Doctors said after showing some signs of improvement, Pressly died over the weekend. In 1999, Pressly was a cheerleader and honor student at Greenville High School. Principal JF Lucas said tragedies like this one can hit close to home no matter where they happen. "To have to individuals who participated in Greenville High School lose their lives for no reason is truly sad," Lucas said. The second person Lucas is referring to is Nishan Huff who was shot and killed inside her Boulder Creek apartment in Greenville County in 2006. Both Pressly's and Huff's homicides remain unsolved.

October 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
October 30, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina has begun taking orders for Christian-themed license plates. The Department of Motor Vehicles said Thursday the plate's design has a stained-glass window with a cross on the left side and the words "I Believe" across the top. The agency will begin making the plates after it gets at least 400 prepaid applications or if a sponsoring organization makes a deposit of \$4,000 by May 1. People can pay \$5 in an online transaction to reserve the plate. "I Believe" plate holders also would have to pay the regular annual vehicle registration fee of \$24. A group that advocates separation of church and state filed a federal lawsuit in June to block the plates.

November 1, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 1, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The nation's first black president, Barack Obama, will take office Jan. 20. How much will race be an issue in his presidency? Political scientists say President-elect Barack Obama foreshadowed this moment back in 2004 when he first made a splash on the national stage as keynote speaker for the 2004 Democratic National Convention. "There is not a Black America and a White America and Latino America and Asian America -- there's the United States of America," Obama intoned. Columbia University professor Dr. Manning Marable said Obama's campaign never focused overtly on race and his presidency won't either. Comparing Obama's March speech on race in Philadelphia to Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech at the Lincoln Memorial, Marable said Obama isn't ignoring race, he's just talking about it in a unifying way. "Obama is fully aware of the centrality and destructive power that racism has had in American life," Marable said. "The way he addresses race is to focus specifically on the structural barriers in terms of access to health, education, housing (and others) that fall generally under class or poverty." Obama spelled out just that theme in the Philadelphia speech as he denounced his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright. "Wright's comments were not only wrong but divisive," Obama said. "Divisive at a time when we need unity; racially charged at a time when we need to come together to solve a set of monumental problems -- two wars, a terrorist threat, a falling economy, a chronic health care crisis and potentially devastating climate change; problems that are neither black or white or Latino or Asian, but rather problems that confront us all." Obama enters the White House at a time when race can't be a priority, according to Marjorie Fuller, the director of the West Virginia University Center for Black Culture and Research. "I think there will be a lot bigger issues to deal with than race," Fuller said. [Obama told CNN](#) on Friday before Election Day that turning around the economy and energy independence were his priorities for 2009. He's also spent a lot of time stumping for universal access to health care and education improvements. Marable said fixing those issues goes a long way toward fixing race issues. "Racism about overt bigotry is far less important than the fact that 45 percent of blacks own their own home versus 70 percent of whites. That disparity means we don't have the capital resources to send children to college, the resource base to start small businesses," Marable said. "Infant mortality (in the black community) is at twice the rate of the average. If you reduce it to the average, quality of life for African-American households would be enormously improved. That's getting at the problem of racial inequality. More than anything else, racism is a structural disparity." Marable said Obama's focus on those issues steals a play from former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, who dropped out of the race in the spring. Dr. Judson Jeffries, professor of African-American and African studies at Ohio State University, said Obama also borrowed lessons from the candidacies of Los

Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder. Both men ran races pundits said were overshadowed by race when white voters decided not to vote for the black men once inside the ballot booth. "Barack has been a student of these races," Jeffries said. "You can't feature race prominently in your race. Issues such as affirmative action, welfare -- those issues have black faces attached to them. Obama has found a way to downplay those issues and play issues that transcend race. You can't campaign for those offices where you're perceived as catering to blacks." Jeffries said race will creep into the Oval Office in the way that President-elect Obama will be watched. "There's less room for error. He's going to have to be cognizant of what he does, what he says and with whom he associates," Jeffries said. "My sense is that (race) will play less of a role from the perspective of his policies but would play a great role in the public perception of his policies," said West Virginia University professor Gwen Bergner. "He's taken a pragmatic approach to positioning himself (on) racial issues. He's been cognizant of the mainstream resistance to issues like affirmative action." Jeffries said Obama won't impose race on selection of a cabinet, either. Even if he wanted to elevate deserving blacks to leading roles, Jeffries said, he'd face a backlash. "He can't give the public or Washington insiders the impression that he's going to appoint some black Harvard and Yale graduates and other qualified blacks. That would not bode well for him going into office," Jeffries said. "He's got to have a cavalcade of white people behind him. It's less risky." But the half Kenyan, half Kansan president's meteoric rise to power owes much to his black predecessors. Fuller said African slaves were first brought to American in 1619, and election of a black president is a long time coming. "My aunt and uncle, who are in their 80s, are glued to TV because they never thought they'd see it in their lifetime," Fuller said. "Barack Obama owes the black community what any other black (person) who has done well owes" Jeffries said. "It's important to recognize on whose shoulders we stand. There's no way on God's green earth he could be president were it not for Shirley Chisholm and Jesse Jackson." Marable, who lived through the last of the Jim Crow years and remembers not being allowed to try on shoes, said Obama's election helps wipe away some white guilt over the country's past. "An Obama administration will help bury racism," said Marable. "It allows the closing of the door on that shameful period."

November 14, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 14, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina officials are hoping to give seniors an online service to connect them with businesses they can trust. Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer said Friday that Senior Shield will provide elderly residents and their families with a list of businesses that have agreed to a code of ethics and undergone a background check at the businesses' own expense. Companies that fail to abide by the rules will be removed from the Senior Shield list. The plan from the South Carolina Office on Aging run by Bauer's office has drawn criticism because of the state money spent and the way the program is structured. Senior Shield is a nonprofit organization that will team up with a for-profit company to do background checks on businesses.

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DESCRIPTION: A bulletin put out by St. Mary's Catholic Church has people buzzing after a priest wrote that those who voted for Obama had committed a sin. "Every week, I make a bulletin for the congregation and each week I have a column on the cover of the bulletin about matters of interest to the church intended for the parishioners of St. Mary's," said the Rev. Jay Scott Newman. Since last Sunday preceded election week, Newman offered a mediation on the issue of abortion. "Because abortion is by definition murder, there is no way for it to ever be justified," said Newman. The mediation suggested that anyone who voted for now President-elect Barack Obama committed a sin because of his pro-choice stance. In the bulletin, Newman wrote that anyone who voted for Obama is in cooperation with intrinsic evil and should not take communion unless they confess their sins. "If you go that route, it damages your communion with the Catholic Church. For that reason you ought not receive the sacraments of the Catholic Church -- with which you disagree," Newman said. The bulletin goes on to ask parishioners to pray for Obama and to respect his authority, but on the issue of abortion, Newman said there is no compromise. "However, on this one point the Catholic Church has to continue to say respectfully but patiently, consistently, persistently 'no,'" said Newman. "No abortion, no time, nowhere, for any reason." As to whether a "yes" vote for Obama equates to sin, Pastor Curtis Johnson with Valley Brook Baptist Church disagrees. "I would have to respectfully disagree that a vote for Barack Obama equates to a sin," said Johnson. "I think that no one is pro-abortion. I don't think that Barack Obama is. I don't think that anyone in their right mind would actually desire that abortions continue."

November 17, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
November 17, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Golden Corral restaurants across the United States will thank veterans with a free meal on Monday. All 485 Golden Corral restaurants in 41 states will offer a free dinner buffet and a drink to all veterans of the U.S. military, including veterans of the National Guard and Reserves. No identification required. This is the eighth annual "thank you" dinner. The North Carolina-based restaurant franchise has provided over 1.8 million free meals to veterans and raised more than \$2.5 million for state Disabled American Veterans chapters.

December 5, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 5, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office are investigating the theft of music equipment from an area church. The Rev. Fran Cox, Pastor of the First Corinth Missionary Baptist Church in Anderson County said thieves broke into the building through the back, ripping the door off its hinges and knocking out the lock. "We feel violated. It's more or less like a person who's been raped," said Cox. "The cross was taken off the staff." Cox said the culprits ransacked the place and also stole three microphones and a grandfather clock. Cox called the robbery "low," and said the thief even took pictures of Jesus. "Approximately three or four pictures of Jesus Christ that were in frames were taken off the wall," she said. Deputies dusted for finger prints, but as of Thursday, have not made an arrest in the case. Investigators said they believe someone broke into the church either late Monday night or early Tuesday morning. "We welcome anybody and there are a lot of people from the neighborhood out here that drop in from time to time," said church member Don Harling. "Everybody's pulled together and we've just been praying." Cox said their one prayer is whoever the thief or thieves are, that they will bring everything back. She said even though a robber stole their equipment and other items, the culprit didn't swipe their spirit. "Jesus said hanging on the cross, 'Lord forgive them for they know not what they do,'" said Cox. Cox said she and her congregation will forgive because that's what God teaches and that's how they try to live .

December 9, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
December 9, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The latest report by a health research group shows South Carolina is better prepared for a massive health disaster than it was a year ago. The sixth annual "Ready or Not?" report by the Trust for America's Health said South Carolina performed adequately in nine of the 10 categories that were measured. The report released Tuesday said South Carolina does not have laws limiting the liability of businesses and non-profits that help during an emergency. South Carolina performed better than 38 states and Washington, D.C. Five states, including North Carolina, earned a perfect 10. Last year, the report said South Carolina did not have adequate plans to distribute vaccines and medical supplies in a disaster. The state has since bolstered its plans for a pandemic.